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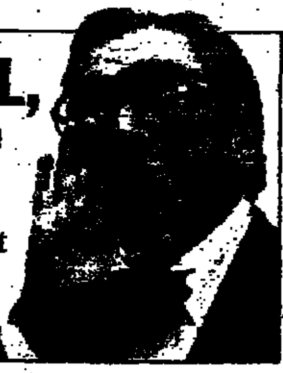

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Merchant resigns 'to protect family'

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

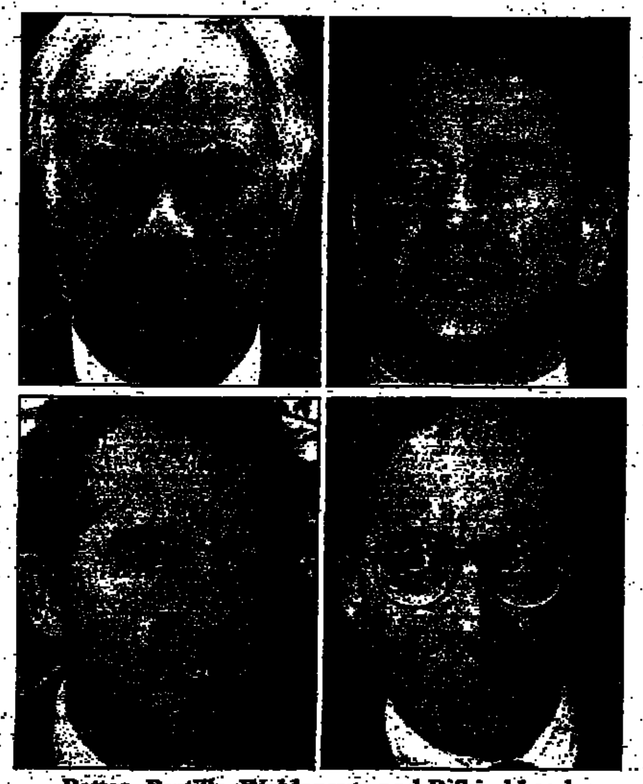
SLEAZE returned to haunt the Conservatives yesterday when the MP Piers Merchant quit over renewed allegations about his relationship with a teenage nightclub hostess — less than a week after William Hague said that sexual impropriety was no cause for resignation.

The 46-year-old Beckenham MP has repeatedly denied any sexual relationship with Anna Cox, 18, but he said that he had decided to go "to shield his family and friends from intensive and continued intrusion into our private lives".

His decision will prompt a by-election in one of the safer Tory seats, opening the way for the long line of former MPs seeking to make a comeback. There was immediate speculation that Michael Portillo, Chris Patten, Sir Malcolm Rifkind and William Waldegrave might be tempted, although friends of Mr Portillo — who made a striking appearance at the party conference last week — said that it might be "too soon".

Allegations about Mr Merchant and Miss Cox — a former Soho hostess who became a researcher — first surfaced early in the general election campaign, bringing a broad hint from Michael Heseltine that the MP should stand down as a candidate. Nevertheless, Beckenham Conservatives stood by him and he went on to retain the seat with a majority of 4,953 majority in spite of a 15 per cent swing to Labour.

But on Sunday, the *Sunday Mirror* ran six pages of allegations about the MP and Miss Cox, including claims that they spent several nights together at the Blackpool conference last week. Both again denied any improper behaviour — they said that they were working on a book about the tabloid press — and after the conference Mr Merchant took Miss Cox back to his home where she was seemingly welcomed by his wife, Helen.



Patten, Portillo, Waldegrave and Rifkind head the list of possible contenders to fight a by-election

Yesterday, however, he telephoned the Tory deputy chief whip Peter Ainsworth to say that he could no longer endure the attentions of the tabloids and so he had decided to go.

Mr Merchant said later that the decision was "entirely his own" and that he had been put under no pressure to quit. Mr Hague's aides and Conservative Central Office took a similar line, but it is known that Central Office had been trying to get at the truth over the allegations and Tory sources said that there had been no attempt to dissuade him. It was also clear that Beckenham Tories were turning against him.

Apart from issuing a statement about the decision, both Mr Merchant and his wife remained hidden in their Beckenham home yesterday. But Miss Cox appeared, first to berate camera crews outside, and later to be taken to Bromley Hospital by ambulance after an apparent fit of hysteria. She had shouted to waiting journalists: "What do you want? You are not going to get a picture, so why don't you all just go to hell. You are trying to break up families and you're not going to get away with it."

Rising to a shrill shriek, she continued: "I have had enough of you," before striking out at a reporter, bursting into tears and running into the house.

Minutes later, police arrived escorting an ambulance and Miss Cox, her head in her hands, staggered on the arm of a paramedic shouting: "Oh God, I can't take any more."

In his statement, Mr Merchant, a former journalist, said: "The decision is taken to protect my family, especially my two sensitive children, and also my friends, including Anna Cox and her family, from the intensive and continued intrusion into our private lives, which otherwise seems set to continue indefinitely, and from further character assassination."

But the *Sunday Mirror*, which welcomed the MP's resignation, suggested last night that further revelations would follow if he continued to accuse journalists of fabrication. The Editor, Bridget Rowe, said that she had "100 per cent, incontrovertible proof" that Mr Merchant and Miss Cox were enjoying a full sexual relationship.

And in a statement, the newspaper said: "In his statement of resignation, Mr Merchant talks of 'character assassination' by the tabloid press and complains of 'intensive and continued intrusion' into his private life. It was the web of deceit and lies spun by him that trapped him and attracted the necessary and quite proper attentions of the British press."

MICK GELL

Anna Cox confronting journalists outside the Merchants' home yesterday

In Beckenham, the Conservative Association deputy chairman Rod Reed said that he was sorry to hear of the resignation, although he believed that Mr Merchant had made the right decision. "The reaction here is really one of sadness, bearing in mind that he was a very good local constituency MP."

But Bert Miles, a local councillor and a member of the association for 20 years, suggested that the party would have dropped Mr Merchant anyway in the wake of the latest allegations. "I don't think he would have got away with it twice," he said. "I looked at the pictures of him in the papers at the weekend when he was supposed to be at the conference. I think he has let everybody down. The association might well have tried to sack him if he hadn't resigned. the leaders of the association are probably breathing a sigh of relief."

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Merchant: complained of tabloid intrusion

Booker Prize goes to debut novelist

By Erica Wagner

DEBUT novelist Arundhati Roy has won the 1997 Booker Prize. Roy, 37 and from India, had been the favourite to take this year's £20,000 award.

Professor Gillian Beer, who chaired the judges, said: "The extraordinary linguistic inventiveness of Arundhati Roy funnels the history of south India through the eyes of *seven-year-old twins.*

"The story she tells is fundamental as well as local: it is about love and death, about lies and laws. Her narrative crackles with riddles and yet tells its tale quite clearly. We were all engrossed by this moving novel."

Roy's triumphlast night only serves to confirm her place as this year's literary sensation. *The God of Small Things* is her first novel — but literary agent David Godwin flew to India to meet her within four days of receiving the manuscript.

The book has has now been sold in more than 30 countries and has earned over £1m in advanced rights sales. It has caused uproar in India depicting as it does an affair between a low-caste Paravan man and a Christian woman.

Roy was born in Kerala, part of a community of Syrian Christians — but also outside that community as her mother had divorced her father, a Bengali Hindu. She trained as an architect before becoming a screenwriter, collaborating with her husband on a film, *Electric Moon*, commissioned by Channel 4 in 1992.

The couple live in Delhi, where Roy now contemplates her future. After the publication of *The. God of Small Things* she hinted that she might not write another novel.

The novel's structure is complex. Devising this, Roy has said, is what occupied most of the four-and-a-half years that it took to write.

Gas bills could fall by £34 a year

Domestic gas bills could fall by up to £34 a year after Ofgas, the industry regulator, ordered BG, the former British Gas, to reduce the tariffs it charges for transporting gas through its pipeline.

The ruling ended a two-year dispute between the gas regulator and BG......Page 27

Royal tribute

The Queen atoned on behalf of Britain yesterday for the 1919 Amritsar massacre with flowers, a minute's silence and a bow in homage to the 379 peaceful demonstrators who died ....Page 5

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Harrods chief ordered staff to break into Rowland's deposit box, says Hamilton

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

MOHAMED AL FAYED was accused yesterday of ordering his staff to break open a safe deposit box at his Harrods store in London. The box was owned by his bitter business rival Tiny Rowland.

The claim was made by Neil Hamilton, former Conservative MP for Tatton, during a two-hour appearance before the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee on the cash-for-questions affair.

Mr Hamilton produced a statement from Bob Loftus, a former director of security at Harrods, who claimed that Mr Al Fayed had ordered his employees, including a former Scotland Yard detective chief superintendent, to sift through the safe deposit box wearing plastic gloves from the store's food hall.

Scotland Yard confirmed last night that it was investigating the allegations but that no arrests had been made. The accusation was denied by Harrods: the store described Mr Loftus as a disgruntled former employee who had made false claims about the store's management.

Mr Rowland confirmed that he had a safe deposit box at the headquarters of his old adversary. "The matter is in the hands of the police. I have gone with senior officers from Scotland Yard to retrieve what was left in my box," he said.

The statement from Mr Loftus, who was head of Harrods security from 1987 until last year, was read to the hearing only after urgent consultations between Mr Hamilton, who lost his seat over the cash-for-questions affair, and his legal adviser. It was handed to Mr Hamilton's legal team some days earlier by Mr Rowland, the former Lonrho chief, who in the 1980s lost to Mr Al Fayed a bitter battle to buy Harrods.

The statement formed a crucial part of Mr Hamilton's evidence to the committee in his effort to clear his name of the cash-for-questions claims. Reading from Mr Loftus's statement, Mr Hamilton said that on December 6, 1995, Mr Al Fayed, chairman of Harrods, became agitated when he discovered the identity of one of the holders of a deposit box in the Harrods bank. The businessman "berated" Mr Loftus for not telling him before because he wanted to know what was in the box, Mr Hamilton said. The individual was Mr Rowland.

Mr Hamilton, who lost his seat to Martin Bell, the BBC foreign correspondent, was responding to the report by Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner, which concluded that there was compelling evidence he took up to £25,000 from Mr Al Fayed. The payments were alleged to have been made in brown envelopes stuffed with £50 notes. He denied the charge repeatedly yesterday.

He read from the statement in which Mr Loftus claimed that Mr Al Fayed had told him to get full details of Mr Rowland's account. Later that month John McNamara, the present director of security of Harrods Holdings, visited Mr Loftus's office and indicated that Mr Al Fayed wanted access to the safe deposit box with the aid of a discreet locksmith.

When Mr Loftus protested this could not be done, Mr McNamara said twice: "If the chairman [Mr Al Fayed] wants it done, we do it."

Members of the all-party committee laughed when Mr Hamilton described the locksmith as "the unfortunately named Roy Hamilton — no relation".

Later, a spokesman for Mr Al Fayed said in a statement: "Mr Loftus is a disgruntled former employee of Harrods. Following his dismissal, he demanded substantial sums of money in advance of an industrial tribunal. He failed to obtain the sums of money he demanded, but the case was settled. Subsequently, Mr Loftus made a number of false allegations against the management of Harrods, one of which was referred to by Mr Hamilton."

Neil Hamilton rejected the dismissal of Mr Loftus as a "disgruntled employee" and said that the store's former security chief would stand by the claims made at the committee hearing. "I know that Mr Loftus is prepared to stand it all up," he added, "and, as he is effectively incriminating himself, that is a powerful argument."

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Jury acquits police marksman of murder

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

A SCOTLAND YARD marksman was cleared at the Old Bailey yesterday of killing a robbery suspect who tried to drive away in a stolen car.

PC Patrick Hodgson, 50, was the first police officer in modern times accused of committing murder in the course of his duties. He stood trial three times for shooting David Ewin, 38, a former robber, before a jury acquitted him after taking less than two hours to reach a verdict. PC Hodgson looked at the ceiling and then nodded his thanks to the jury. Friends said he had been shattered by the case. He had never fired his gun in anger and was only on patrol on the day of the shooting because of staff shortages.

PC Hodgson first stood trial last December but the case was aborted. In April a second jury could not agree. Although the criminal case is over, he still faces an inquest and a civil action by Mr Ewin's family.

The shooting took place in February 1995 when PC Hodgson, a firearms officer for more than 15 years, was part of the crew of an armed response vehicle which spotted a stolen Toyota sports car parked outside an off-licence in Barnes, South London. Mr Ewin was one of two men seen leaving the shop. During a confrontation, Mr Ewin shunted the car backwards and forwards in a bid to escape and nearly crushed the officer. PC Hodgson fired his 9mm Glock handgun twice at Mr Ewin, who died in hospital.

During the trials the policeman said he fired because he believed his life and those of bystanders had been in danger. Mr Ewin had refused to stop and was driving the car "like a maniac".

Mr Ewin had 40 convictions. At the time of the shooting he was living in a prison hostel after being jailed for armed robbery. Blood tests showed he was over the alcohol limit for driving.

Last night PC Hodgson was suspended from further duties while the Yard and the Police Complaints Authority considered his future.

Hodgson: believed his life was in danger

In Esquire this month:

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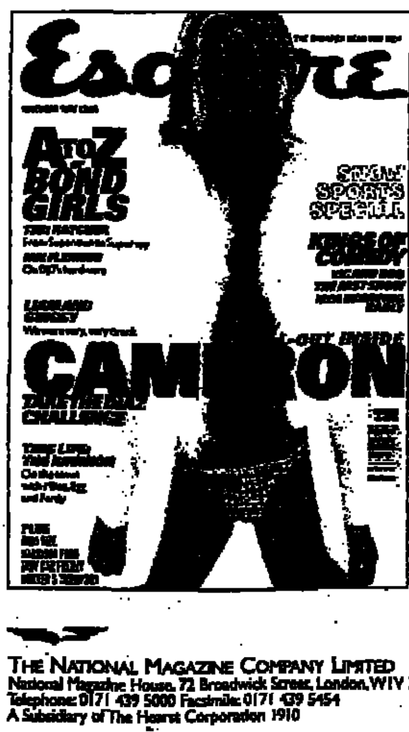

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Cash boost 'will prevent winter crisis in NHS'

By Philip Webster, political editor, and Ian Murray

TONY BLAIR predicted yesterday that the health service would avoid a winter crisis after Gordon Brown announced an emergency £300 million for patient care.

Despite claims that the NHS would still be £50 million worse off than under Conservative plans because of increased inflation, Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, said the money would both help with imminent difficulties and improve practice in the long-term by providing better community services.

The announcement coincided with Mr Blair's visit to London's Central Middlesex Hospital, which has made more beds available by moving elderly people to their own homes, where they recover with the help of social services staff.

Mr Dobson said that he wanted to start breaking down the "Berlin wall" between the health service and social service departments. The money will go to health authorities but they will transfer it to social services where appropriate.

CUTBACKS in defence spending to bolster the NHS budget had already been drawn up by MoD officials (Michael Evans, defence correspondent, writes). After the Chancellor's order to pay back last year's £168 million overspending, a senior MoD official admitted that the cuts in "non-operational areas" had meant ministers taking "painful but manageable" decisions.

Mr Blair said the Government had kept a promise by providing the money and it was up to those running the NHS to improve it. No amount would ever be enough, but he believed the cash announced would avert a winter crisis.

The money-finding exercise, begun by Mr Dobson, Mr Brown and Mr Blair shortly after the election, has worried other ministers. The Chancellor raided other Whitehall budgets — notably Defence, and Trade and Industry — to secure the money that was needed to avert ward closures.

Some £168 million came from the Ministry of Defence in the form of a "fine" for overspending by that amount last year. Treasury sources gave a warning that other departments exceeding the targets of the Conservative Government for this and next year would be similarly treated.

The money is on top of the extra £1.2 billion announced in the Budget for the NHS for next year's spending. Some £100 million came from Margaret Beckett's Trade and Industry budget out of savings on nuclear decommssioning, and £30 million from administrative savings agreed with the NHS.

The Chancellor justified taking money from the MoD budget, saying there was overspending on the ministry's budget under the last Government. "And it's right that we deal with every department in that way. Where there is overspending there has got to be this money taken back," he told BBC Radio 4's *Today*.

Mr Dobson said the money would help hospitals to keep services running seven rather than five days a week, stop beds from being closed and increase staffing. "The money will also be used to work on rehabilitation in hospitals, and the Central Middlesex is a brilliant example of what is needed."

The money would be used to develop pioneering new approaches "which will bring lasting benefits and help to break down the 'Berlin wall' between health and social services".

☐ The Institute for Fiscal Studies, the economics research group, said that the plan will provide real extra money without breaking the Government's tough spending totals (Alasdair Murray writes).

But the IFS described some of the measures the Treasury has taken "as a bit of wheeze". In particular, the £102 million to be redirected from Trade and Industry can be viewed as a painless paper transfer of funds. This money was provided in the DTI's budget as a "provision" to cover potential losses at the state-owned British Nuclear Fuels that did not materialise.

Thanks, but not enough says BMA

By Ian Murray, medical correspondent

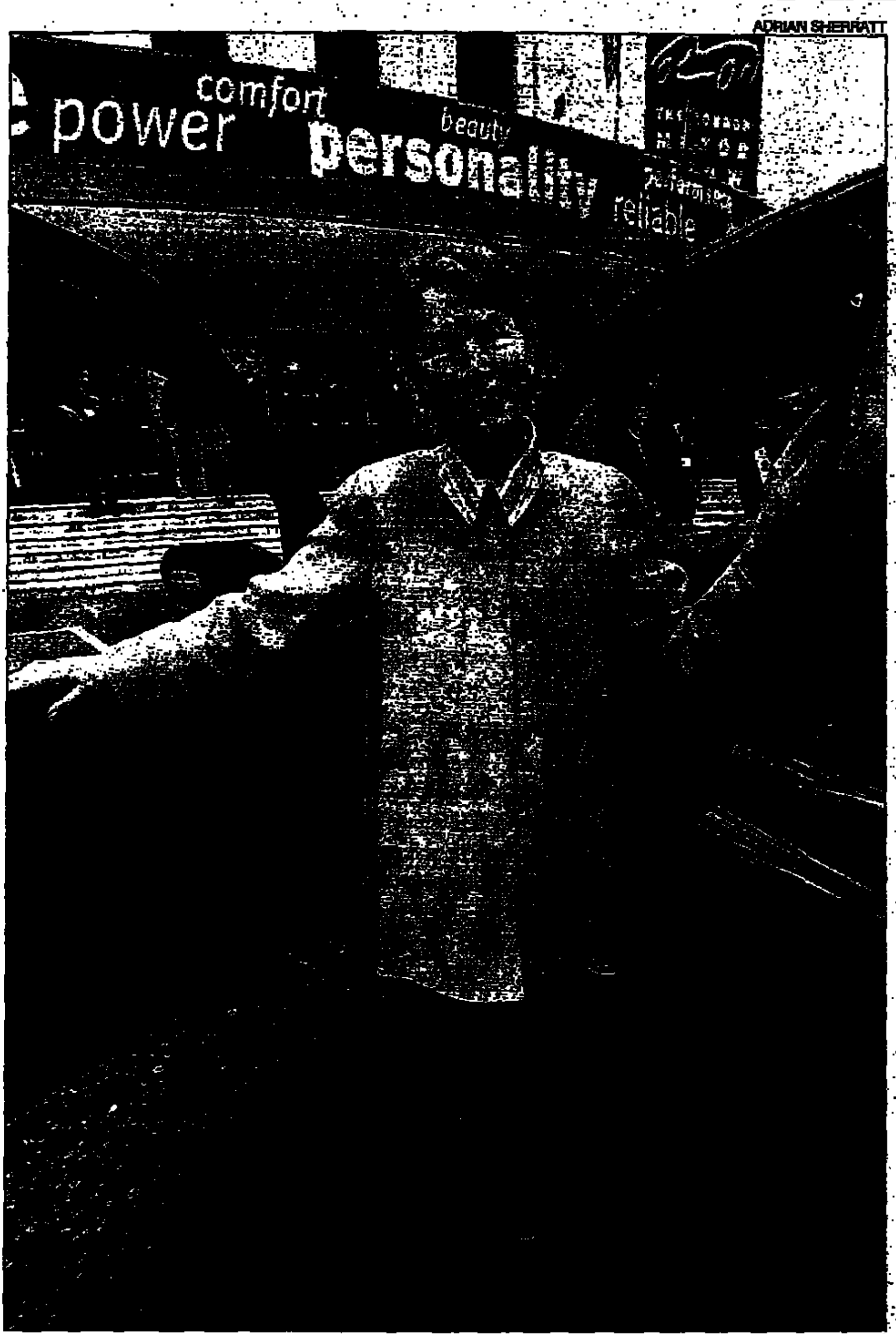
DOCTORS' leaders welcomed the extra money but warned it would not be enough to ensure there was no winter crisis in hospitals. The British Medical Association told the Government in the summer that £500 million was needed to avert a crisis this year and now believes that even that amount would not be enough.

James Johnson, chairman of the BMA's consultants and specialists committee, said: "We shall need to be extremely careful to be sure that this money is focused on opening up capacity so that we can be sure that people are not left lying for hours on trollies this year. We also need to have a small amount left over to ensure that we can carry out some of the non-urgent work, otherwise waiting lists are going to go into free-flight.

"If all that happens with this money is that hospital managers use it to offset overdrafts it will disappear into a bottomless pit."

Consultants from around the country had given the association a gloomy snapshot of the way the winter crisis was already causing problems. At the West Middlesex University Hospital in north London, overnight and lengthy trolley stays were now so routine that the meals service included trolleys in corridors as part of its regular rounds.

ADRIAN SHERRATT



Glenda Jackson: "This Government is not anti-car just anti over-dependence"

Car-makers criticise huge traffic forecasts

By Arthur Leathley and Kevin Eason

MINISTERS were embroiled in a public battle with car makers yesterday over government forecasts of a huge increase in road traffic and their pledge to curb unnecessary car use.

The motor industry reacted angrily to the prediction of a 38 per cent increase over the next 20 years, which coincided with the opening of the London Motor Show, where 60 new models were on display.

Gavin Strang, the Transport Minister, made clear that action will be taken by the Government to slow the growth in the number of vehicles on Britain's roads. Ministers are preparing wide-ranging plans to change public attitudes to car travel, including the possible introduction of motorway tolls, congestion charging and parking taxes in city centres.

The forecast shows that road traffic is predicted to increase by 38 per cent by 2016, and by 60 per cent by 2031.

However, Ernie Thompson, chief executive of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said: "These Government forecasts are much higher than we believe will actually happen. We forecast that average use of cars will actually come down and not go up by anything like these numbers."

Glenda Jackson, the Minister for London Transport, at the show to launch an updated version of the London taxi, said: "This Government is not anti-car just anti over-dependence on the use of cars. It is not a question of curbing cars but of providing real alternatives to people so that they do not have to use their cars so often."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Released fans seek protection of press

Italian police last night followed the three English fans to a Rome hotel after they were released from the city's Central Regina Ceoli Prison. Mark Richens, Paul Walker and Chris Jackson said they were "absolutely petrified" that they would be beaten up again by police. All three men talked briefly to reporters who met them outside the jail. They asked them not to leave them alone in the city and reporters made arrangements for them to book into a hotel because they were released too late to catch a direct flight home. Mr Richens, who runs the marketing agency in which all three are involved, said: "We've done absolutely nothing wrong. We've got responsible jobs and our business depends on our good reputation."

UN to investigate police

The United Nations is to investigate complaints of police harassment from lawyers defending IRA suspects. The lawyers claim they have been threatened and intimidated when visiting their clients, and have received threatening telephone calls. The UN said its special investigator on the independence of judges and lawyers would visit London next week and then Belfast. The Royal Ulster Constabulary said it would co-operate with his investigation.

New steps to fight fraud

New fraud courts with specially trained judges and a new right for prosecuting authorites to sue racketeers for multiple damages were called for by the Solicitor General last night. In his first big speech since taking office as the Government's junior law officer, Lord Falconer of Thoroton also confirmed the Government is looking at scrapping jury trial for complex fraud. He told City lawyers that the legal armoury on fraud was outdated.

Hillsborough decision

Police involved in the Hillsborough disaster have dropped their action in the Court of Appeal against an award of more than £200,000 to a man whose teenage half-brother was among the 95 Liverpool fans to die in the 1989 disaster. John McCarthy, 36, a Liverpool season-ticket holder, won the damages in December for post-traumatic stress disorder. The Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police had agreed to pay Mr McCarthy's legal costs.

'Body belt' convict died

A prisoner died after being held in a "body belt" restraint for 24 hours after struggling with prison officers, an Exeter inquest heard yesterday. Dennis Stevens, 29, was found dead in his cell at Dartmoor prison in October 1995 with his hands manacled to his waist by a device criticised by the Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment. A few weeks previously Stevens had been a model prisoner.

Last post for labrador

A family dog with a dislike of postmen was ordered to be destroyed after its second attack in four years. Hanky Panky, a ten-year-old labrador cross, bit Tim Coysh's ankle while he was on his rounds in Totnes, Devon, causing a 2in wound. Elaine Enticknap, [illegible], admitted having a dog dangerously out of control in a public place. She was given an absolute discharge and banned from keeping dogs for two years.

Settlement over tackle

Ian Knight, whose potential career as a Sheffield Wednesday and England footballer was destroyed by a tackle that shattered his leg in 1987, accepted an undisclosed sum in compensation. At the High Court in Sheffield, Mr Knight accepted the out-of-court settlement of his negligence claim against the former Chester striker Gary Bennett and his club over the injuries sustained in an FA Cup tie.

Web style for students

Cigars are in and alcopops are out for university undergraduates, according to *4-D*, an Internet magazine for students launched tomorrow by the publishers of *The Times*. The website explores essential lifestyle issues, including arts, sport, food and drink and travel. Some features come from *The Times* but much of the material is contributed by students. The website address is http://www.4-d.co.uk

Charity shuns tobacco funding

By Ian Murray
medical correspondent

ONE of Britain's largest charities announced yesterday that it would no longer give grants to any research teams who receive funding from the tobacco industry. The Cancer Research Campaign, which is providing £49 million to scientists this year, decided to ban grants to faculties or departments "tainted by tobacco money" as part of its campaign against smoking, which kills 120,000 people a year in Britain.

The move was prompted by last year's announcement that British American Tobacco was to give the University of Cambridge £1.5 million to fund a chair of International Relations. After months of consultation with legal experts, the charity has drawn up a code of conduct for research institutions.

Faculties in about 20 universities are currently receiving funds from tobacco companies. The charity will honour all existing contracts, but will not extend them unless the faculties drop their tobacco funding first.

Announcing the ban, Dr Gordon McVie the campaign's director general said: "The tobacco industry has a long history of gaining respectability by funding research and facilities in our centres of academic excellence. Now it is only a matter of time before the practice stops and we break that addiction to tobacco funding." Tessa Jowell, the Health Minister preparing legislation to ban tobacco advertising and sponsorship, congratulated the campaign.

A spokesman for the Tobacco Manufacturers' Association said: "Our reaction is one of disappointment. We feel we are being tarnished by the insinuation that funding from the tobacco industry in the past to researchers has influenced their conclusions, which is totally untrue. A third of the population are our customers. There's a feeling of wanting to plough something back into the community."

Between 1988 and 1994, 269 research papers published in the UK acknowledged support from the industry.

Ex-MPs moving to Lords front bench

By James Landale
political reporter

FORMER Tory MPs who stood down or were defeated at the last election have been given new jobs in a shake-up of the Opposition frontbench in the House of Lords. Lord Cope of Berkeley, the former Northavon MP and former junior Northern Ireland minister, is the senior spokesman on Northern Ireland. Lord Roberts of Conwy, the former Conwy MP and former Welsh minister, is the senior spokesman on Wales.

Sir Terence Higgins, the former Worthing MP and former chairman of the Treasury Select Committee, will shortly take up his seat in the Lords as senior spokesman on Social Security.

Lord Moynihan, the former Sports minister who recently won his right to the title, becomes the senior foreign office spokesman.

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Galliano opens his doors to bourgeoisie

FROM GRACE BRADBERRY,
STYLE EDITOR, IN PARIS

JOHN GALLIANO joined the bourgeoisie yesterday, presenting a Parisian version of Hinge and Brackett in a recreation of a turn-of-century mansion. Models moved from boudoir to bathroom, practised at a grand piano and played billiards in his second ready-to-wear show for Christian Dior.

Galliano took a step closer to the French fashion establishment. Not only did he stage the show in the Carrousel du Louvre, Paris's purpose-built catwalk venue — a break with his unusual venues of the past — but his collection was the most wearable yet.

Long, streamlined riding jackets with Dior pockets and gloved sleeves opened the first section of the show, "lunching out". Another, "business meetings", included high-waisted, loose, pinstriped trousers worn over, not under, double-breasted jackets.

The collection was dominated by evening dresses, many of them a distillation of his last haute couture collection. Drapes of silver clung to the models and Indian jewellery, inspired by the Raj era, dripped from their throats.

Show-stoppers included a lingerie-strap dress, encrusted with lilac silk herringbone fringing, with diamond patterns bared on the hips, and a long mermaid-line dress, embroidered with Art Deco designs in silver thread.

A shawl over-dress was worn with a silk sheath beneath, while Galliano's trademark bias-cut cocktail dresses had train-effect hems sweeping out from drape backs.

Whether today's bourgeois Parisians will buy Galliano's vision of their glamorous past is another matter. While Galliano's creativity is not in doubt, he has still to prove his ready-to-wear collections can be commercial.

With his move to Dior, the British designer has adopted a more conservative personal style. Yesterday, in place of the saris and dreadlocks that were once his trademark, he wore a sober suit and his hair was groomed to a sleek bob.

Photographs by Simon Walker

At home with elegance: the Dior ready-to-wear collection yesterday in John Galliano's version of a turn-of-century Parisian mansion. Evening wear dominated the show

Mother on £45,000 'can spare nothing for student son'

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

A MOTHER earning more than £45,000 a year and living in a house worth £230,000 pleaded hardship yesterday and said that she could not afford to finance her son through university.

Margaret Macdonald, 53, from Edinburgh, is being sued by her son Patrick, 20, for £400-a-month living expenses while he completes his law degree at Aberdeen University. He left home to live with his father four years ago and has been estranged from his mother since.

But at an interim hearing at Edinburgh Sheriff Court yesterday, Jenny Gibbs, Mrs Macdonald's solicitor, said that "startling" though it might seem, Mrs Macdonald, a Scottish Office solicitor, was struggling to make ends meet and had no money spare for maintenance. "She is living at a level perilously close to the limit of her overdraft."

Since her acrimonious divorce in 1994, she had been the sole provider for her four other children. She was paying the £8,500 private school fees for the two youngest Susannah, 15, and David, 16, and the mortgage on the "dilapidated" family home, which had been remortgaged to pay her husband's debts. Her last holiday was in 1978.

Her former husband, Hugh, 54, who declared himself bankrupt after the divorce and is now an unemployed advocate, had contributed nothing to the household, despite maintenance orders against him. Yet he had insisted the children stay at private school after he lost custody. He has since remarried and separated.

Ms Gibbs claimed that Mrs Macdonald usually had an overdraft of about £2,000, although recently she had gone into credit because of a legacy, most of which had been spent on urgent roof repairs. Her two oldest daughters, Emily, 18, and Caroline, 22, both at university in Edinburgh, had done part-time jobs to top up their grants.

Ms Gibbs argued that it was "not reasonable" to expect Mrs Macdonald to pay. Her son could finance his studies in other ways, through a student loan or casual work, she said.

"There is a degree of bad blood in these family relationships. But the defendant is not an irresponsible, absent parent. She is someone who has worked very hard in difficult circumstances to do the very best for her children."

Martin Burns, Patrick Macdonald's solicitor, said his client claimed a full student grant of £1,739, but it barely covered his monthly rent of £167. He was now in his third year and had survived thanks to a £5,000 legacy. He had a factory job over the Easter and summer holidays but still started college with an overdraft.

He needed the £400 a month for food, textbooks, stationery and travel expenses, Mr Burns said. His client had considered a student loan, but was reluctant to get into debt so early in his life.

On face value Mrs Macdonald's accounts showed she had *nothing to spare*, but it was possible to see where she could spend "a wee bit less", Mr Burns said. The £600 a month on food and £120 phone bill appeared excessive. Other savings could be made from the £100 a month for clothing.

When asked by Sheriff Daphne Robertson whether Patrick had investigated claiming maintainance from his father, Mr Burns said he knew only that Mr Macdonald senior was unemployed. The hearing continues tomorrow.

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Neighbours' row costs £150,000

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A 13-YEAR dispute between neighbours over a 3ft-wide strip of land ended yesterday at a total cost of at least £150,000.

Brian Connell and Ian Batchelor secured victory of a sort at the Court of Appeal over the 80ft-long boundary between their properties and a field belonging to Eric Tutt, a farmer, at Charndon, Buckinghamshire. But Mr Connell, 62, said he would have to sell his haulage business to finance the case, as well as cancelling his life insurance and cashing retirement investments.

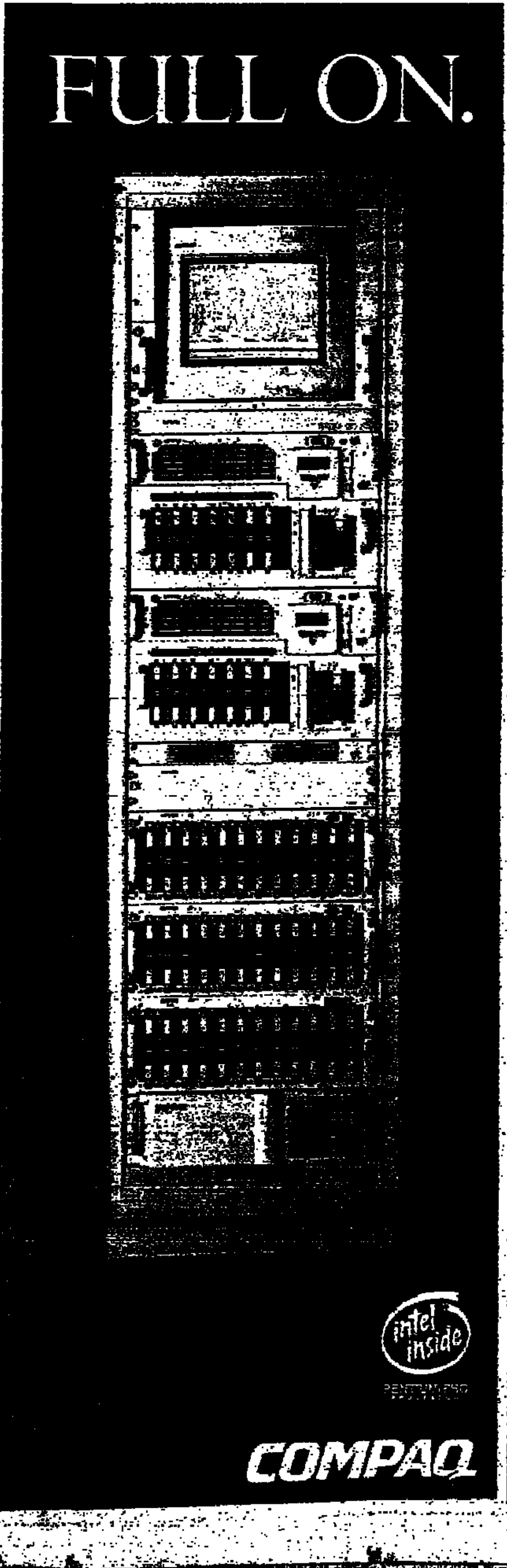
The neighbours fought through a 31-day county court hearing, spread over two and a half years. Finding for Mr Connell and Mr Batchelor, Lord Justice Pill said that the legal costs were "horrifyingly daunting even to contemplate".

The disputed boundary between one of Mr Tutt's fields and the homes of Mr Batchelor and Mr Connell was 3ft at its widest, and the most contentious part was 1ft wide. Mr Tutt, who farms the 1,000-acre Middle Farm, claimed that the boundary should be further east while Mr Connell, of Chez Nous, and Mr Batchelor, of Regency Cottage, argued for a dividing line further west.

Judge Christopher Tyrer had ruled in Mr Tutt's favour at Milton Keynes County Court, but that decision was overturned yesterday by the Court of Appeal. Lord Justice Pill said Judge Tyrer had had to cope with almost 300 photographs, together with many plans and diagrams and expert reports. As the case dragged on, Judge Tryer had "despaired" of its ever ending, commenting at one point that both sides appeared to have "a deathwish".

Lord Justice Pill, sitting with Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Waller, upheld the boundary line claimed by Mr Connell and Mr Batchelor. Mr Tutt was also ordered to pay Mr Batchelor £150 for trespass.

The judges ordered Mr Tutt to pay two thirds of the action's legal costs and Mr Batchelor and Mr Connell one third.



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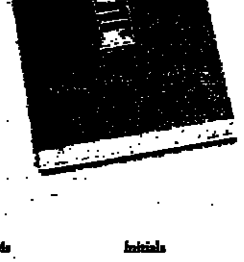

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Violence by parents blamed for truancy

By David Charter

ALMOST a quarter of children who play truant from school are suffering physical abuse at home, a survey for the charity ChildLine has revealed.

Bullying was the main reason for truancy, reported by 59 of the 200 youngsters surveyed. Of the 44 who said they could not face school because of violence at home, 13 were found to be suffering sexual abuse and 31 other physical abuse. Two of these children had attempted suicide.

Some of the children felt trapped, with one 12-year-old girl too scared to go to school because of bullies, and too scared to go home because her father would "strap" her for playing truant. Only 11 children blamed the difficulty of studying for missing lessons.

Valerie Howarth, the charity's chief executive, said schools should encourage truants to talk about their problems with a teacher or friend.

Stars spearhead drive for teacher excellence

Tony Blair has made education one of his priorities and enlisted celebrities in a cinema campaign, writes **John O'Leary**

CELEBRITIES from the worlds of entertainment, sport, business and politics are spearheading a £10 million campaign to avert an impending shortage of teachers and raise their status.

Cinema advertisements will feature 18 celebrities, including the Prime Minister, the England goalkeeper David Seaman and the actor John Cleese nominating their favourite teachers. Their message that "no one forgets a good teacher" is intended to transform the profession into one of the top three choices for graduates within five years.

The Teacher Training Agency, which launched the initiative at the British Library in London yesterday, is hoping to raise the standard of entrants to teaching at the same time as attracting many more applicants. The combination is seen as essential to enhancing the status of a profession increasingly shunned by the best-qualified graduates.

Plunging recruitment for secondary school training courses has brought fears of renewed shortages in important subjects such as mathematics and the sciences. Of the main subjects, only history attracts more than two applicants for every place.

The advertising campaign, which will run in 2,000 cinemas in England and Wales from Friday, also features the pop singer Skin, Bruce Oldfield, Michael Grade, Stephen Hawking, Joanna Lumley, Sebastian Coe, Sir Terence Conran, Ben Elton, Bob Hoskins, Eddie Izzard, Steve McManaman, Jeremy Paxman, Sir David Puttnam, Anita Roddick and Sir David Attenborough.

Other elements of the initiative will include new fast-track courses for former teachers to return to the classroom and for graduates in other jobs to train on the job. There will also be a series of conferences aimed at attracting more members of ethnic minorities into teaching.

The targets set by the agency today also aim to ensure that by 2002:

☐ teaching is among the top three professions, rather than fifth most popular;

☐ academic qualifications of student teachers match the average for all courses, rising from the present C and two D grades at A level to three Cs;

☐ secondary training courses attract at least twice as many candidates as there are places;

☐ primary training attract at least three times as many candidates as there are places, compared with 2.3 to the place at present;

☐ 95 per cent of graduate trainees to have at least a second class degree, rather than the current 88 per cent.

Anthea Millet, chief executive of the agency, said: "We want high-quality candidates to choose teaching as a profession for its personal and intellectual challenges and rewards. The aim is to attract the very best to the profession. That's the least we can do for the nation's future and for our children."

Tony Blair, who nominates Eric Anderson, his English teacher at Fettes College and now Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, as his most inspirational teacher, said: "I am passionate about education, and I hope that many people who feel the same will respond to the TTA's campaign and help to raise standards."

Mr Blair welcomed his former housemaster to Downing Street to help to publicise the campaign. At the Edinburgh independent school, Mr Anderson introduced him to his favourite novel, *Ivanhoe*, and directed him in a production of *Julius Caesar*. Mr Anderson joked that, watching the Prime Minister's dramatic performance at last week's Labour Party conference, "I thought what a good job I had done".

Teaching unions welcomed the initiative, but warned that improvements were necessary in the pay and conditions of teachers if targets were to be met. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "Advertising must not be too far ahead of reality."

ALAN WELLER

Tony Blair and his former housemaster, Eric Anderson, yesterday

Class acts who gave famous pupils a start

By Paul Whittaker

ONE of the teachers featured in the recruitment campaign is geography master David Jackson, who made a big impression on Sebastian Coe during his years at Tapton School, Sheffield.

Mr Jackson, 58, who retired three years ago, said he was known as "a bit of a slave-driver" for pushing Mr Coe to pass his examinations a year earlier than usual. "He always looked small for his age, but had the capacity to beat boys far better physically endowed because of his natural talent."

Mr Jackson, who kept in touch with his star pupil, fondly recalled how sports bookmakers refused to accept a bet that Mr Coe would win a gold medal at the Moscow or Los Angeles Olympics several years before the event.

""He rang me up to tell me he had won the gold medal and I asked him what he thought as he crossed the line and he replied, 'I thought of all that money you could have won.'"

Bob Cox, a 59-year-old former PE teacher at Kimberworth Comprehensive School, was the teacher England goalkeeper David Seaman liked best. Mr Cox said: "He was a smashing lad who could have turned his hand to almost any sport. If he had of taken up golf, he would have hit it 250 yards.

"But, unlike some of the young footballers you see who have blanks between the ears, he was also very brainy."

The Liverpool and England midfielder Steve McManaman nominated Noel O'Neill, who coached the St John's junior school football team in Kirkdale, Liverpool. Mr O'Neill said: "I'm dumbfounded that he nominated me. There's nothing special about my life — I'm just an ordinary person doing a job.

"I noticed Steve when he first came into the 7 to 8-year-old juniors. His ball control, dribbling in the yard at playtime, was phenomenal. But we decided not to exploit him and put him with the older boys until he was mentally ready for it.

"He was never arrogant, he was the sort of bloke of that age you'd be quite happy to have as your son."

Ben Elton's favourite teacher, Gordon Vallins, 63, directed the author and comedian in school plays between 1977 and 1978 at South Warwickshire College of Education (now Stratford upon Avon College).

Mr Vallins said: "He was highly individualistic, energetic and the only student who wrote two full-length plays in three years while still completing all his other studies."

Skin, the lead singer of the indie rockers Skunk Anansie, nominated Ruth Webb, her former English teacher at St Martin-in-the-Field School at Tulse Hill, South London. "I knew her by another name, but I will help to keep her secret," said Ms Webb, now a schools inspector.

"If she were on Radio 3 I'd probably know a lot more about her music. I taught her in the 1980s when she was a lively, somewhat mischievous, first-year student."

Sebastian Coe: teacher was a "slave-driver"

Ain't no point in grammer lessons

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

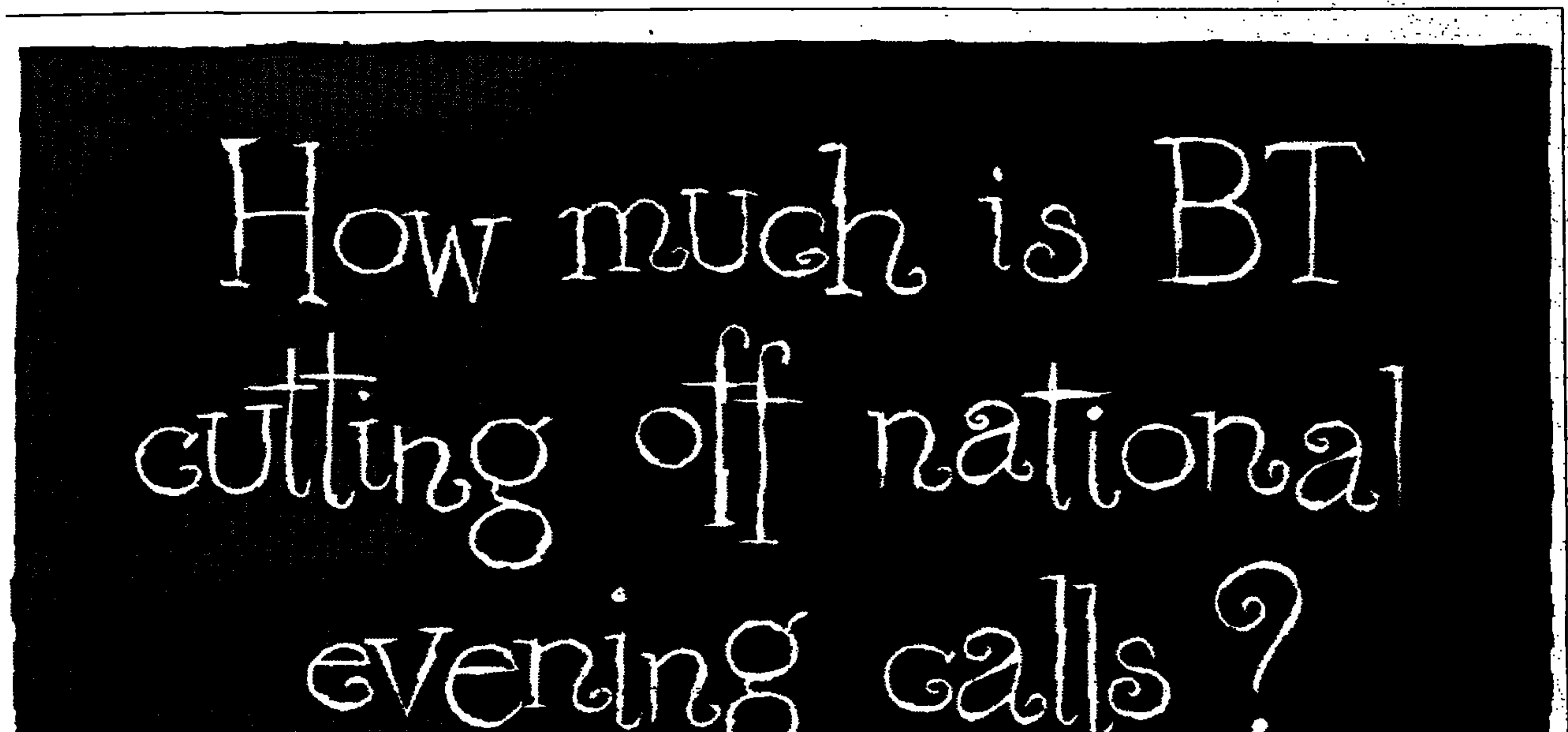
A THIRD of secondary schools fail to give explicit lessons in grammar, punctuation and spelling, the Queen's English Society said yesterday. In a survey of English teachers, one in 20 criticised colleagues with a poor grasp of formal language for perpetuating students' problems.

This was borne out by some of the written replies to the survey. The society noted numerous errors, including one reply with seven mistakes in 15 lines. This teacher said: "Grammar is boring and irrelevant. Students to whom grammer [*sic*] may be important subconsciously gain an understanding of it."

Another said that it was not his job to improve anything or anyone, but to reconcile human beings to the world. Another said: "I do not think that teaching spelling rules is helpful, as there are so many exceptions to the rules."

A total of 318 teachers replied to the survey. Most preferred to teach language issues as they arose in teenagers' work, and no difference was found between comprehensive and grammar schools in the amount of time spent on explicit grammar, punctuation and spelling lessons.

One in five pupils starting secondary school was said to have poor literacy standards, which teachers blamed on the video culture and lack of encouragement to read. The biggest factor holding back the improvement of standards at secondary school was said to be class size. The society, which promotes accurate formal English, called for annual grammar, spelling and punctuation tests to monitor pupils' performance.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An artist's view of the Amritsar massacre in 1919, when British troops shot protesters

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The Queen is presented with a gold-leaf model of the Golden Temple by Sikh priests in Amritsar, where she was given a rousing welcome

Queen heals open wound of Amritsar

Christopher Thomas reports on the most successful day so far of the royal tour to India and Pakistan

THE Queen atoned on behalf of Britain yesterday for the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in Amritsar, one of the greatest atrocities of the Raj, with flowers, a minute's silence and a bow in homage to the dead. The poignancy of the gesture touched India, and especially Punjab, healing a wound untended for 78 years.

She walked down the same alleyway through which 50 soldiers commanded by Brigadier-General Reginald Dyer ran to take up positions at the entrance to the small square in 1919. The soldiers formed a semi-circle and fired on hundreds of peaceful demonstrators until 379 lay dead and at least 1,200 injured.

There are still bullet holes in the walls surrounding the square, but the Queen did not stop to examine them in a brisk walk round what is now a memorial park. She slowed as she passed a huge well, from which 120 bodies of people trying to escape the bullets were retrieved, but did not look into its depths. The demonstrators had been protesting about curfew restrictions after riots in which five Englishmen were killed.

Yesterday the Duke of Edinburgh paused to read a notice at the entrance of the park, declaring: "This place is saturated with the blood of about 2,000 Hindu, Sikh and Muslim patriots who were martyred in a non-violent struggle to free India from British domination." He expressed surprise at the stated number of casualties, which does not tally with the official toll, and inquired: "It wasn't 2,000, was it?"

The royal couple walked to a shrine in the centre of the park, where they laid a wreath and stood silently for one minute. Sikh organisations that had planned demonstrations in support of demands for an outright apology announced hours earlier that they were calling off their protests because the Queen had come so close to apologising in a speech the night before. Descendants of the dead, too, said they were satisfied. As the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh left the park, they signed the visitors' book but wrote nothing in the comments column.

> ‘Brass bands played, Sikhs gave the couple a warm welcome, and history seemed cleansed of a stain’

This was the most successful and moving portion of the state visit to Pakistan and India so far, and certainly the most enthusiastic. They were greeted on the journey from the airport to a rousing reception by thousands of schoolchildren cheering and waving flags. Amritsar was festooned with welcoming signs draped across the streets. School brass bands played, Sikh religious leaders gave the couple a warm welcome, and history seemed suddenly cleansed of a stain.

Dyer died in 1927 a broken man, paralysed from a riding accident, still insisting that he had only done his duty. The only possible defence was that he may not have known that Jallianwala Bagh had no entrance or exit save for the one blocked by his troops, and when the crowds tried to escape it might have seemed to him that they were attacking his positions.

Before he ordered a ceasefire, 1,650 rounds had been fired and all but a few found flesh. However, the guardians of the Golden Temple invested him as a Sikh for saving the shrine from pillage.

The Queen and Duke drove the 300 yards from Jallianwala Bagh to the Golden Temple. Inside the gold-covered *Harmandir Sahbir* (Holy Temple of God) there was an exchange of presents with the head priest: the Queen received a gold-leaf model of the temple and the Duke a scimitar. They walked around the complex and examined leaf restoration work organised by Sikhs in Birmingham.

After sipping water from a silver cup, the Queen, in white socks — bare feet are required, but she was granted a concession — left the Golden Temple and Amritsar, whose crowds still thronged the streets. It was a triumphant day, and a much needed boost for the royal tour.

Dyer: forced to resign from the army after massacre

General inherited racism of the Raj

By Christopher Thomas

BRIGADIER-GENERAL Reginald Dyer was convinced of the righteousness of the British Empire. Indeed, he was born into it — in the Raj hill station of Murree, now in Pakistan, where he learnt the racism that defined his attitude to India and Indians.

His father was the first man successfully to brew beer in India. The Murree Brewing Co., in which he was managing partner, flourishes to this day, even if its sales are restricted by law to those Pakistanis who can demonstrate that they are not Muslim.

In 1916 the younger Dyer was put in command of operations in south-eastern Persia. A year later he had a serious riding accident, which gradually affected the movement of his lower limbs. He took a year's sick leave in England but insisted on returning to India. By 1921 he was paralysed. At the time of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in 1919 he had been suffering constant severe pain.

He was forced to resign from the Indian Army after the massacre, only months before he was due to retire at the age of 55. He died aged 62 in Long Ashton, near Bristol, of a cerebral haemorrhage.

There was an assassination attempt on the general when a Sikh burst into his house in England, only to shoot a house guest by mistake.

The general had a distinguished military record which included campaigns in Afghanistan, where he was decorated for bravery.

His action at Jallianwala Bagh appalled most people, but there was a groundswell of sympathy. *The Morning Post* launched a fundraising campaign, which produced the then huge sum of £26,000.

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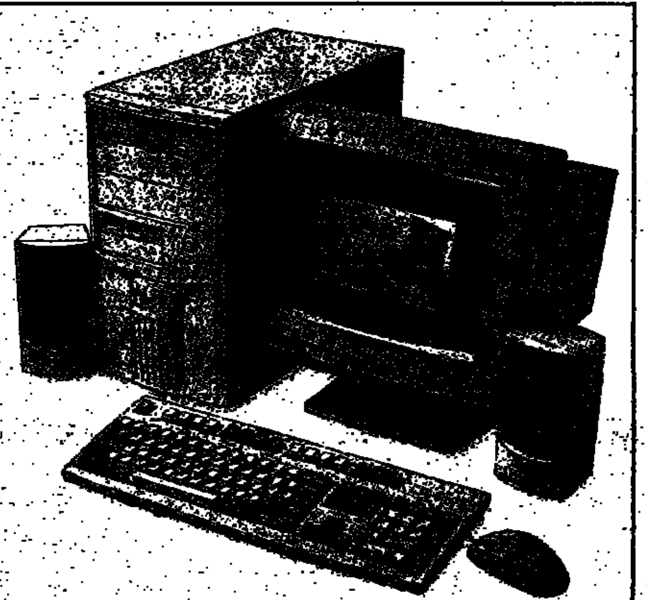

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Doubts remain over Rikki care services

By Joanna Bale

SOCIAL services managers were severely criticised yesterday over the death of six-year-old Rikki Neave. A Department of Health report highlighted "serious failures" in Cambridgeshire County Council's child protection services and said there were still "deep concerns" about its ability to protect vulnerable children.

Sir Herbert Laming, chief inspector of the department's Social Services Inspectorate, said: "At this time I cannot be confident that children at risk in the county are safe from significant harm or neglect. Some progress has been made and I know that recently appointed senior managers are now taking a constructive and positive approach.

"The council has accepted the need to implement our recommendations in full. We will go back to see they do."

Paul Boateng, a junior health minister, accused the council of a "legacy of incompetence" at senior levels. Rikki's family renewed their calls for a public inquiry to force former council executives, who have since left for other positions, to be made accountable. Sandra Chesney, the boy's aunt, described them as "rats abandoning a sinking ship".

Rikki was found strangled in woodland near his home in Peterborough in November 1994. His mother, Ruth, 29, was cleared of his murder last year but jailed for seven years after admitting five charges of cruelty to Rikki and two of his sisters. Neave, a drug abuser, had burnt one daughter's hand with a cigarette, squirted washing-up liquid down Rikki's throat and, when he was three, turned him out of the house in his pyjamas early on a December morning.

Rikki had been placed on an at-risk register several months before he died. Neave had repeatedly asked social workers to take her son into care after threatening to kill him.

The report from the inspectorate, produced after a four-week inspection at the council's headquarters in Cambridge, highlights "serious failures" in child protection services. It says more than two years passed after Rikki's death before the council drew up proposals to deal with flaws in its child protection services — and already staff have fallen behind schedule. Sir Herbert said: "Despite past statements by the council, serious and deep concerns remain about its ability to protect vulnerable children. Dedicated frontline staff have struggled to do their best. Their efforts have been frustrated by an absence of direction, effective procedures and efficient management."

> ‘At this time I cannot be confident that children on the at-risk register in Cambridgeshire are safe from significant harm or neglect’

The report says the social services department had no clear child protection policy; managers had not appeared to take decisive action in teams with substantial problems; and some "chronically neglected children" were not being properly protected.

It calls for decisive action if a team of social workers cannot cope; reviews of staff workloads and the way resources are distributed; more training in tackling hostile and uncooperative parents; and child protection training for all staff who need it.

Rikki's grandfather, Maurice Harvey, of March, Cambridgeshire, yesterday called for a public inquiry after turning up uninvited with other members of the family to a council press conference. He said: "The people at the top should have been sacked, but instead they have all moved on to cushy, well-paid jobs. Only a public inquiry will force them to tell what really went on."

Brian Waller, who has been acting head of the social services department for two weeks, said people had to draw their own conclusions about the departure of senior managers since Rikki's death. A council spokesman added that none had been given "golden handshakes" and that management had been completely overhauled.

Mr Waller said: "It is quite clear that a new attitude prevails now. The family can be reassured that whatever happened in the past will be put right by next spring. There is a commitment to turn it into the best social services deparment in the country."

Mr Boateng is to meet senior councillors today to discuss the report. He said: "I want a pledge that the council will accelerate its action plan. Vital and robust measures are needed to protect children from the evil of abuse."

Last year a report by the Bridge Child Care Consultancy was also critical of the social services department. There was further dismay when it was revealed that a former senior manager had been systematically abusing children in his care.

Ruth Neave's solicitor, Paul Bacon, said that, during the trial, social workers had told him about management problems.

Rikki Neave, who was strangled, was on a risk register. His mother had asked for him to be taken into care

Influential jobs for people at heart of the case

By Joanna Bale

THREE years ago, Tad Kubisa was the £65,000-a-year Director of Social Services. He spent a year as president of the Association of Directors of Social Services, advising the Government. He later stepped down from that role and officially retired from the council at the end of last year. He is now a consultant and lives in Newmarket, Suffolk, but was not at home to comment yesterday.

Ted Unsworth was the man who took over from Mr Kubisa. He became Director of Social Services at the beginning of the year, during the period covered by the inquiry, which criticised the slow pace of improvements. Last month he quit his £70,000-a-year job to become adviser to the board of trustees of the national alcohol and drugs charity Turning Point.

Mr Unsworth, 54, had spent 20 years with the council. His office at Turning Point said that he had asked for calls to be referred back to the council.

At the time of Rikki's death, Matt Bukowski was social services director for north Cambridgeshire. He has since left to become Director of Social Services in Lincolnshire, and yesterday declined to comment.

Gordon Lister was the £95,000-a-year chief executive of the council when the Neave scandal occurred. He left last month, to take up a post as chief executive of the Papworth Trust in Cambridgeshire, a charity that helps disabled people. He was unavailable for comment yesterday.

Debbie Lawson and Linda Marshall, the case workers for Rikki Neave, and Sue O'Halloran, the practice manager, have also left; Ms Lawson is a social worker for Buckinghamshire County Council. Ms Marshall works in the private sector.

Three other social workers who were suspended have been reinstated. Other senior officers are having to re-apply for their jobs.

Lister: he was chief executive of council

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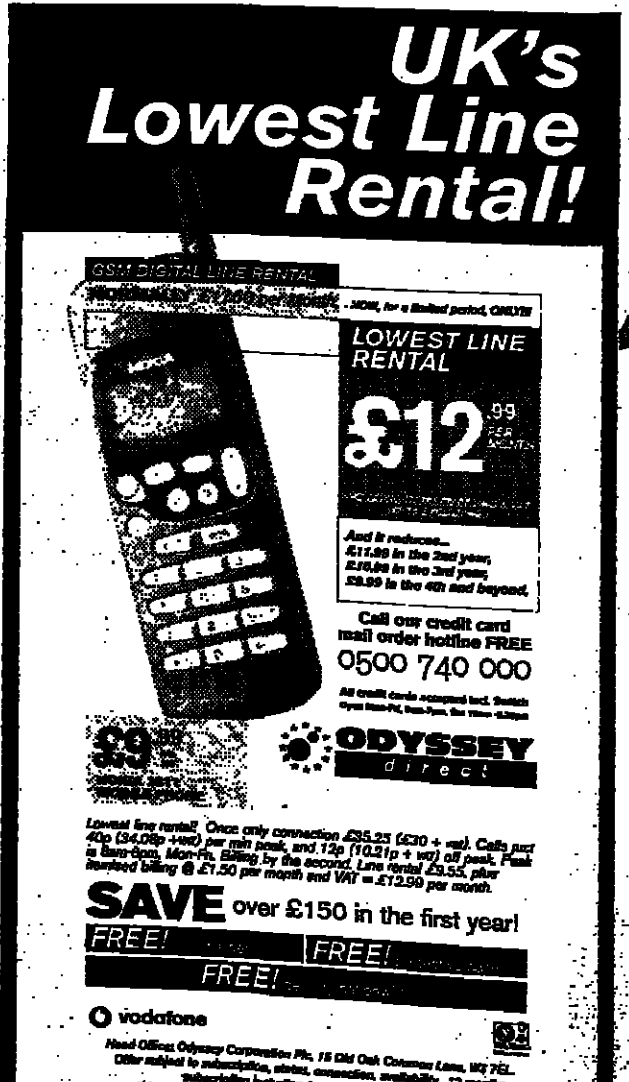

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Dying woman wants drugs-aided death

Emma Wilkins reports on a motor neurone disease sufferer seeking a ruling on a painless end to her life

A TERMINALLY ill woman wants her doctor to administer drugs which could bring her suffering to a painless end, the High Court in London was told yesterday.

Annie Lindsell, 47, who has motor neurone disease, did not want to spend her last days receiving life-prolonging treatment in a hospice, Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC, her counsel, said.

She is seeking a declaration from Sir Stephen Brown, the President of the Family Division, that her GP, Simon Holmes, may lawfully administer diamorphine, a potentially lethal painkiller, with the purpose of removing her distress when her condition deteriorates. Miss Lindsell, who arrived in court in a wheelchair, has a fear of not being able to speak or swallow once her throat muscles collapse. The prognosis for motor neurone disease is gradual paralysis, with death probably coming from suffocation as the chest muscles collapse.

Dr Holmes, who supports Miss Lindsell's wishes, wants the law clarified so that he will not face the threat of prosecution in the event of her death.

"Dr Holmes is willing to give this treatment and considers it ethically correct to do so, if and only if he has some assurance given by the law that he will not be guilty of culpable homicide," Lord Lester said.

At the moment doctors may lawfully administer potentially lethal doses of medication as long as the intention is to relieve pain or distress. If the intention is to kill the patient, the doctor could be charged with murder.

Annie Lindsell: future is gradual paralysis

The case could clarify the law on mercy killing. Because of its importance, Sir Stephen has invited the Official Solicitor and the Attorney-General to be represented in court.

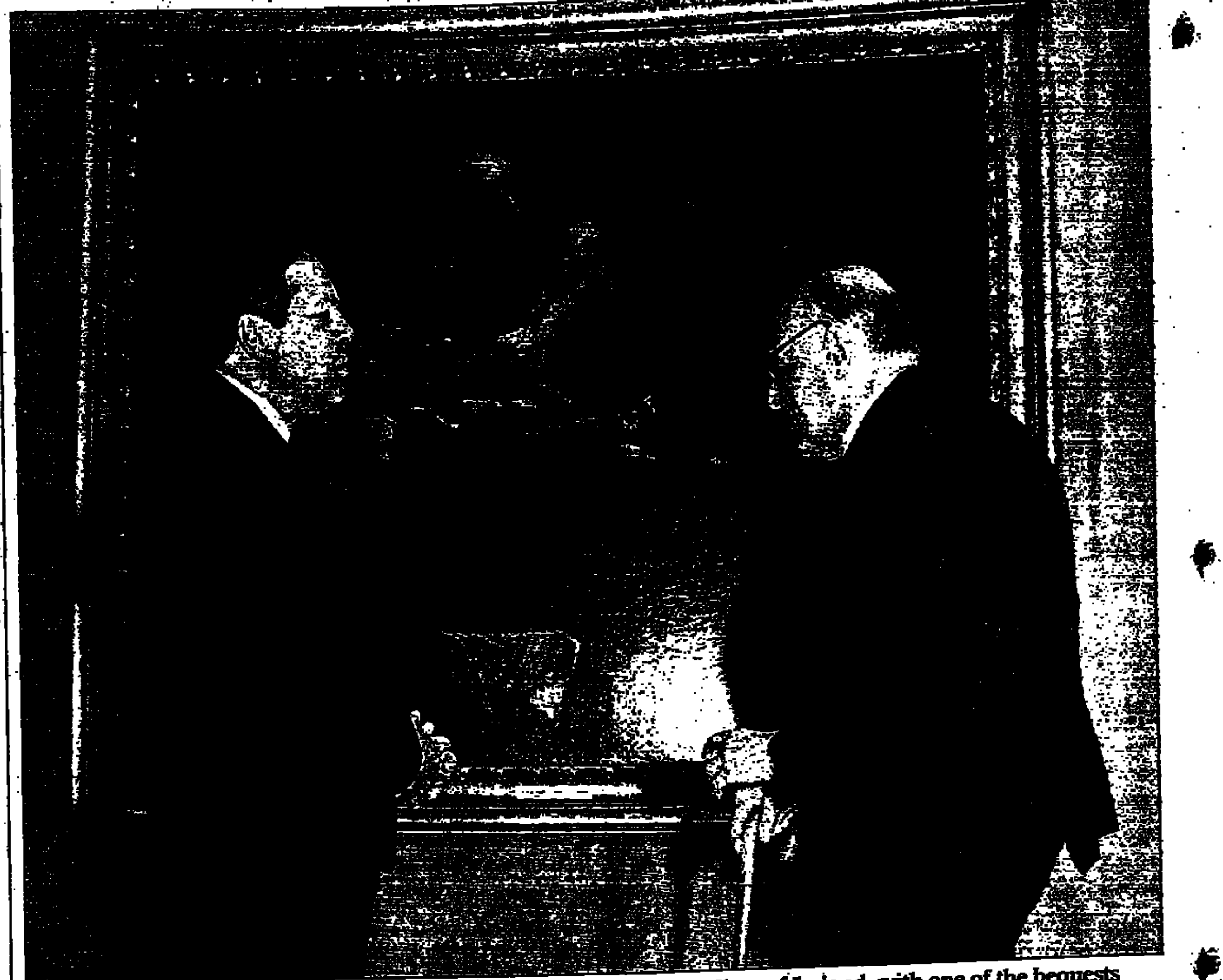
Miss Lindsell had just started her own business in 1992 when she learnt that she had motor neurone disease. She is at present cared for by Ron Hicks, her partner of 19 years, at their home in Teddington, southwest London. She has already outlived the average survival period of three years. Lord Lester said that Miss Lindsell wished Dr Holmes to administer the drug when she lost her ability to swallow and when her anticipation of further deterioration caused her "severe mental distress accompanied by physical pain".

Lord Lester said that the case could proceed only if there was a body of medical opinion that supported Miss Lindsell's case that she should be allowed a peaceful death and not spend her last days in a hospice receiving life-prolonging treatment.

He asked for an adjournment so that an independent medical witness who believed in alternatives to traditional hospices could be called to give evidence in support of Miss Lindsell's case.

Granting the adjournment, Sir Stephen offered Miss Lindsell his sympathies. "It is a very distressing case and I'm conscious of the position of the plaintiff. I feel she should understand that she has the court's very genuine sympathy," he said.

The case was adjourned to a date to be fixed.


Sir Denis Mahon, right, and Sergio Benedetti, of the National Gallery of Ireland, with one of the bequests

Art goes west in protest over gallery charges

BY AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S difficulty became Ireland's opportunity last night when the art historian Sir Denis Mahon presented three Baroque paintings originally destined for Liverpool to the National Gallery of Ireland in Dublin.

Sir Denis, 86, added the three paintings to his original bequest of five Old Masters as a protest against the introduction of a £3 entrance fee at Liverpool's Walker Gallery. He said yesterday that the museum's insistence on introducing fees forced him to send his collection abroad.

"Why should I present my pictures to a museum that charges people to see them? It is wrong to charge people to see what they, as taxpayers, already own. In Ireland it is different, there is legislation that makes charging very difficult. There was no compromise in Britain, so I am glad to see them in Dublin."

The three 17th-century paintings, *Saint John the Baptist visited in Prison by Salome*, by Guercino; *Landscape with Saint Bruno in Ecstasy*, by Pier Francesco Mola; and *Venus, Mars and the Forge of Vulcan*, by Luca Giordano, were originally to have formed part of Sir Denis's bequest of more than 60 Old Masters to the British nation. They will now be housed in the north wing of the Dublin museum.

The Irish Government recently passed the Cultural Institutions Act, which forbids gallery governors and guardians from introducing entrance fees without first receiving the backing of both houses of Parliament.

Describing the Irish legislation as far-sighted, Sir Denis said the British Government needed to fund galleries properly so that they were not dependent on public monies. He said: "There is an increasingly common view that a gallery is a tourist attraction and tourists can afford to pay. It is not. It is an archive and an educational institution and it is fantastical that anyone would try and financially cripple them."

Sergio Benedetti, senior curator at the Irish gallery, said that Sir Denis's bequest would greatly enhance their collection of 300 Baroque paintings, which has grown considerably this century due to the generosity of such benefactors as George Bernard Shaw and Sir Alfred and Lady Beit.

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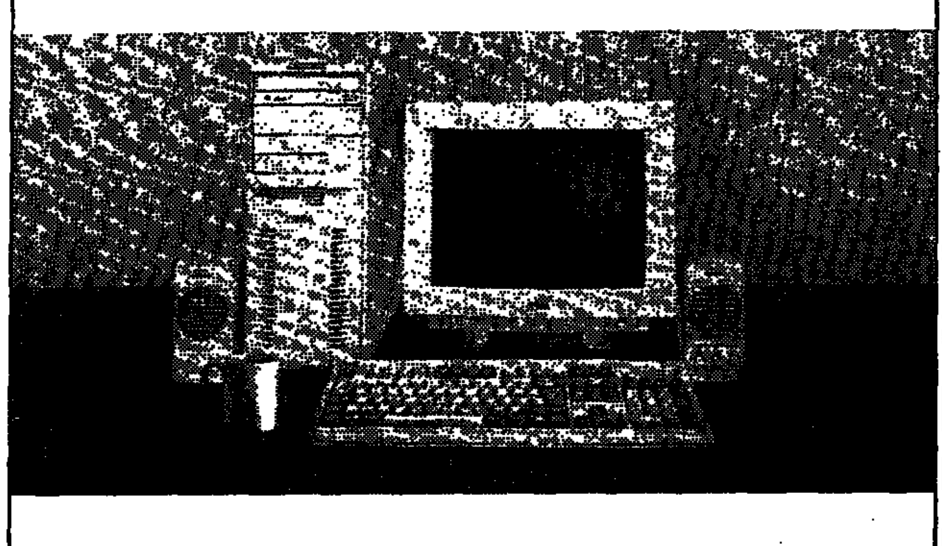

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Blair's 'drugs czar' hopes to silence the siren voices

Hardliner feels that cannabis campaigns and pop icons are a danger, reports

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Keith Hellawell, right, and Michael Trace: they will co-ordinate policy

BRITAIN'S first "drugs czar" pledged yesterday to target pop icons who highlighted the supposed benefits of drugs, and said that campaigners for the legalisation of cannabis sometimes helped pushers to lure the young to their side.

The warnings by Keith Hellawell, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, came as he was formally appointed as Tony Blair's £103,000-a-year Anti-Drugs Co-ordinator to spearhead national campaigns. He will take up the post in the new year. His deputy, who will be paid £45,000, is to be Michael Trace, director of the Rehabilitation for Addicted Prisoners Trust. He has worked on treatment programmes in Britain and the United States.

The Prime Minister was keen to combine the expertise of both men, in law enforcement and treatment, to put forward a co-ordinated strategy. Mr Blair said: "We need real progress in reducing drug misuse, especially among the young. The Anti-Drugs Co-ordinator is a key post which will help to drive our efforts and galvanise the work which is already under way."

It is clear that ministers were attracted to both men's hardline stance against drugs. Mr Hellawell, who will have direct access to the Prime Minister, yesterday robustly opposed legalisation of cannabis. He said that he welcomed informed debate, but objected to misleading headlines.

Asked about a recent campaign in the *Independent on Sunday* for the legalisation of cannabis, he said: "The people who are peddling these things love these campaigns, so they can go into the playground and exert their pressure on young people to get involved."

He would also target pop icons to use "better judgment" in their comments on drugs. All available evidence showed that cannabis was dangerous and that people should not drive, work on machinery or take examinations while under its influence. People called for legalisation when they thought there was nothing left to tackle the problem, but there was plenty for the Government to do, Mr Hellawell said.

A key part of the strategy will be to ensure that young people have a clear message. Mr Hellawell, 56, who has three children and five grandchildren, said he had discussed drugs with his older grandchildren, aged seven and five.

With his own children he had always been "straightforward and honest". He advised all parents to "listen to your children and be prepared to talk about things that make them uncomfortable and frightened." Mr Trace has children aged 18 and eight.

Mr Hellawell, who has been Chief Constable for West Yorkshire for seven years, also criticised people who thought there was a competition between treatment and enforcement. Treatment was not a soft option for drug abusers, he said. He accepted a link between alcohol, tobacco and drugs, and said the important factor was for people to have a clear message.

He hopes to develop a new strategy in the next three months, and said it needed to reduce the demand for drugs and to protect and influence young people, sending out a clear message for teachers, parents and youth leaders. The two men will work as expert advisers inside the Central Drugs Co-ordinating Unit in the Cabinet Office.

They have no new cash and must insure that present resources are spent properly. A first task will be to find out how much is being spent on the drugs effort in that public sector and by voluntary groups, and whether it is being spent wisely.

Ann Taylor, Leader of the House of Commons, who chairs the Cabinet sub-committee on drugs, said that the task facing Mr Hellawell and Mr Trace was not easy. Echoing Mr Blair's comment about how to tackle crime, she said: "We need to ensure that we are tough on drug misuse but also tough on the causes of drug misuse."

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Czar or tsar is an absurdly pretentious title for the leader of an official British administrative campaign (Phillip Howard writes). It and its cognates, such as Kaiser and Tsarina, are derived from the patrician family name of Julius Caesar of the *gens Julia*, one of the most ancient clans in Rome. When Julius Caesar died, his proper name was adopted by the Roman emperors, beginning with Augustus, son of the niece of Julius.

It was retained with obdurate superstition until the fall of the Holy Roman Empire. The title then came to be adopted by various European countries with minor changes of spelling. The Slavic version Cesare was introduced into Russia in the 15th century as a title. The word, first spelled *tsear*, was applied to all Russian rulers after Ivan the Terrible assumed it officially to describe his rule as King of Poland.

Pop American thriller-writers adopted the word to describe an all-powerful crime boss, and Hollywood used it for studio chiefs such as Sam Goldwyn. To describe Keith Hellawell as a czar is a further pejoration of the proud name of Caesar, a hyperbole and a joke.

Teenage addiction to heroin is rising

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

THE agenda for Keith Hellawell will be shaped by Home Office drug figures published yesterday. They revealed a 17 per cent increase last year in heroin and cocaine addicts and evidence of growing teenage addiction.

The number of addicts registered and recieving treatment now stands at 43,400. The true total is probably more than 150,000. Many addicts do not reach the National Health Service until they can no longer cope with feeding their habit or are arrested. Once registered there are still too few places offering full treatment.

The figures also show that the number of new addicts aged under 21 rose last year by 35 per cent to 3,984 and most are hooked on heroin. Methadone is offered on the NHS as an alternative drug to heroin, but the figures show that there is growing addiction to it and that it is being sold on the black market.

After more than a decade of publicity and education aimed at curbing hard drug use, Mr Hellawell will face decisions about a new education drive. There are now at least four million cannabis users, including children as young as 13 or 14, and he must advise the Government on how to approach this problem as new pressures emerge for a relaxation of the law.

Mr Hellawell's previous job as national police spokesman on drugs will have prepared him for the role. Regional crime squads now spend 75 per cent of their time fighting the drug gangs. Last year customs officers seized a record 79 tonnes of drugs worth £500 million. Police squads made a 41 per cent increase in heroin seizures and the drug is now flooding into Britain through Turkish gangs. In Mr Hellawell's own force the drug was being sold for as little as £10.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Moscow drug case deferred

A British teenager accused of drugs trafficking has had her case delayed again after her lawyer was taken ill and failed to attend a Moscow court yesterday.

Karen Henderson, 19, who has been held in harsh conditions at Moscow remand prisons for 20 months, could face a long sentence in a work camp if found guilty of smuggling 10lb of cocaine through Moscow airport. Her case is to resume on November 19.

Bubble trouble

Teletubbies bubble bath has been taken off shop shelves after fears that young children might pull the heads off the plastic figures on the cap. A Telebubbies spokesman said that the move was "purely precautionary".

Accident ruling

A faulty lamp used to connect Christmas tree lights was to blame for the electric shock that killed six-year-old Cara Weatherstone, of Hornsea, East Riding, last December. Richard Butler, the Hull Coroner, ruled. Verdict: accident.

Refunds return

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Rising violence defies general fall in crime

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

BURGLARIES and car crime are falling but violence is on the increase, according to the latest figures for serious recorded crime in England and Wales issued yesterday by the Home Office.

Overall the figures reveal a fall of 5.5 per cent to 4.8 million crimes for offences committed between June 1996 and June this year. This is the first time the total has fallen below five million since 1989. Only five forces — the Metropolitan Police, Sussex, Gwent, North Wales and Norfolk — recorded any increases.

According to the figures, property crime was down per cent to 4.4 million offences. Burglaries on homes dropped 10 per cent to 568,000 and car crime fell by 9 per cent to 1.2 million. All but four of the 43 police forces showed a fall in burglaries and 36 reported less car crime.

But the figures also show a 2 per cent rise in violent crime to 348,000 offences, including a 7.5 per cent increase in assaults to 246,000 cases. The total includes 300 serious assaults regarded as life threatening. They rose by 10 per cent.

Police also logged a 6.6 per cent rise in sexual assaults to 2,500 cases. This included a per rise in rapes, to 6,300 cases, which may be attributable partly to 320 male rape cases registered under new legislation. Rape cases have risen by 176 per cent in the past 10 years, partly because of more sympathetic police responses, but the number reported may still represent only 10 per cent of the total.

The only category of violent crime that fell in the 12 months was robbery, which mainly covers muggings. These dropped by 2.5 per cent to 70,500. In the previous 12 months they had risen by 14.8 per cent.

The Home Office figures show a 4.8 per cent rise for recorded crime in the Metropolitan Police area, but Scotland Yard said the figure did not represent an increase under its new computerised recording system because the two accounting systems were not comparable.

Commenting on the figures, Chris Nuttall, director of research and statistics at the Home Office, said that the changes in property and violent crime could be linked to increased consumption of alcohol, spurred by economic recovery.

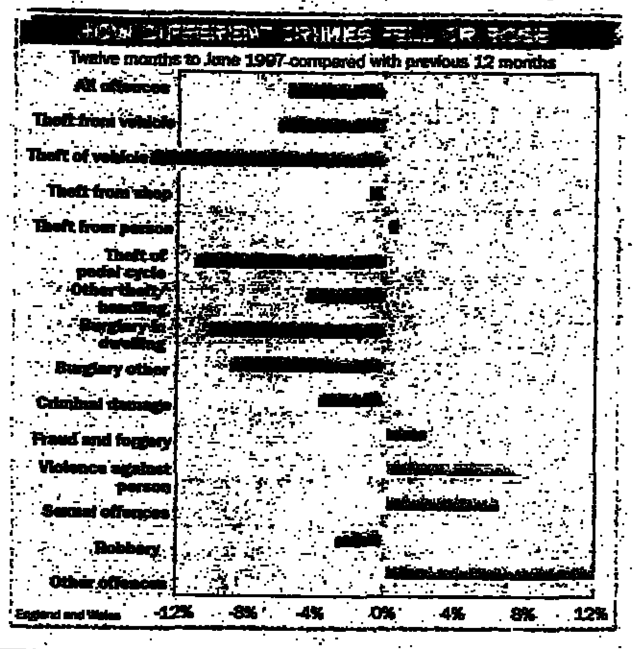
More money meant more drinking and this led to more violence. He said drug-related crime was more likely to be linked to theft and burglary. Burglaries generally fell in times of economic recovery.

He said violent offences had been rising since the Second World War and had rarely fallen. On average, there had been an annual rise of about 6.5 per cent in violent crime over the last 50 years.

Mr Nuttall admitted that the figures did not give a full picture of crime in Britain and said that there could be as many as 60 million crimes each year. He said the latest British Crime Survey in 1996 showed about 19 million crimes each year against households and the figures did not include the total crime against businesses. Many crimes were not reported and the Home Office statistics ignored others.

Next year the Home Office is launching a new accounting system which will increase the number of reported crimes by up to one million. For the first time the figures will include common assault, assault on a constable, dangerous driving, possession of drugs and tampering with vehicles.

Some groups of crimes will be divided into separate offences in an attempt by ministers to make the figures representative of victims. Alun Michael, the Home Office minister responsible for the police, said that, when someone broke into 20 cars in a car park, this would no longer be registered as a single offence.



Signs of confusion: depot worker Susan Pentrey with some of the confiscated warnings found at roadsides

Warning – there's a joke ahead

IT IS a sight that can leave puzzled drivers reaching doubtfully for their *Highway Code*, or wondering if they have been on the road too long. Around Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, new roadsigns have been alerting motorists to the unexpected dangers of penguins, ghosts and sharks.

Others have featured a daisy-like flower, a fishbone, a jigsaw piece and a pair of lips. The signs, realistically created on red-bordered triangles, are the work of an unknown artist whose jokes started appearing a fortnight ago. Now he has defied his most challenging critics by creating a sign featuring the local highways chief, and delivering it personally to the county highways depot.

The man walked into the depot at Bourton-on-the-Water, handed a brown-paper parcel to the receptionist, then left smiling. When staff opened the parcel, they found a triangular sign bearing a picture of their boss, the divisional surveyor Lawrence Elcocks.

"It was a very good cartoon of him — instantly recognisable," said David Flagg, an administration manager at the depot. "Unfortunately, the receptionist did not get a description, although she can remember the smile as he left."

A dozen of the signs have been put into storage in the Bourton depot; workers do not have the heart to destroy them because they are so good. Mr Flagg said: "We shall probably bring them out on display when we hold open days for the public. They are excellent works of art. Theoretically, if we ever find out who is responsible, we could prosecute him for putting up illegal road signs, but we probably wouldn't."

Progress forces police horsemen to dismount

By Paul Wilkinson

URHAM Constabulary yesday became the latest police ce to stand down its mount- section in favour of new hnology. Of the 43 forces in gland and Wales, only 18 ll continue to run a mounted tion.

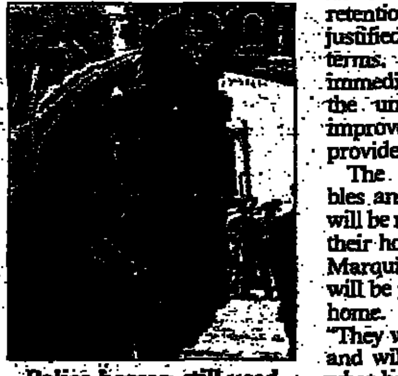
But the day of the police rse is not yet done. Earlier s year, West Yorkshire ice decided to introduce unted patrols on the streets a Leeds estate plagued by rglaries and vandalism.

Mounted police are still ed at demonstrations and soccer matches, where the e of the horses has a lming effect. In Co Durham, ere the only league team is rlington, with crowds rare- more than 3,000, their esence is not so necessary.

The Association of Chief lice Officers of England and ales said: "There is no ove- l trend; it is local solutions local problems. It seems urban forces still rely on mounted officers while rural ones have less need for them."

Eddy Marchant, Durham's Deputy Chief Constable, said: "The effectiveness of mounted patrols has been gradually overtaken by advancing technology. The reality is a helicopter or aeroplane can now operate more effectively in searches for missing people, while public-order problems in town centres can be better monitored by [closed-circuit] television cameras.

"While the operational uses of horse are becoming much more limited, their ceremonial and public relations value is not under question. But their retention can no longer be justified in strict operational terms, and monies saved immediately by disbanding the unit will allow us to improve other services we provide."



Police horses: still used for big football matches

The section's four constables and their civilian groom will be moved to new jobs, and their horses, Baron, Viscount, Marquis and Prince Bishop, will be given free to a suitable home. Mr Marchant said: "They will get the best of care and will not be sold on after what has been many years of sterling service."

WPC tells tribunal of sexual bullying

A policewoman told an industrial tribunal yesterday that a three-year campaign of sexual bullying by fellow CID officers got worse after she made a complaint.

Former detective Lesley Evans, 37, claimed she was subjected to a simulated sex ordeal by a drunken male officer while a colleague watched and gave marks out of ten. She said the officer also dropped his trousers in front of her, and that she was mocked by a cartoon about her depression and a photograph of male colleagues with their fingers through their flies.

The tribunal at Southampton was told that WPC Evans was the victim of a bullying campaign between August 1993 and March this year at the CID office in Ryde, Isle of Wight.

The married mother of two is claiming sexual discrimination against the Hampshire Constabulary. By October 1996 she could take the abuse no longer and made a formal complaint.

Yesterday she explained that, within hours of turning to senior officers, Hampshire Police had taken swift action to transfer two popular detectives away from the station. WPC Evans, of Ryde, told the hearing this had not been her intention and the bullying became much worse and quite open.

She said: "When it happened, it made things much worse for me. It had stirred up a hornets' nest and I was left me to deal with it."

The hearing continues.

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'Al Fayed is a liar and he has cost me everything'

Andrew Pierce reports as MPs are asked to pick who took the money and who opened the box

NEIL HAMILTON'S claim about the sanctity of Harrods safe-deposit boxes dramatically turned the tables on Mohamed Al Fayed yesterday. It came at the end of a statement lasting two hours and 20 minutes, made to the *Commons standards and* privileges committee as Mr Hamilton sought to clear his name of the cash-for-questions allegations which have dogged him since 1993.

In his opening statement, *made under oath in the full* glare of the television cameras, Mr Hamilton repeatedly attacked the credibility of Mr Fayed and his employees as witnesses. It was two of Mr Al Fayed's secretaries who told *Sir Gordon Downey's inquiry* that, during the 1980s, they stuffed brown envelopes full of £50 notes for Mr Hamilton, and the Downey report concluded that there was "compelling evidence" that Mr *Hamilton took up to £25,000* from the Harrods owner.

Allegations by Mr Al Fayed caused four ministers, including Mr Hamilton, to resign from the previous Government. While the other former MPs censured by Sir Gordon have apologised in written *submissions, Mr Hamilton* requested his "day in court". His redoubtable wife, Christine, was in the front row of the public seats.

Mr Hamilton was tense at the beginning of his evidence, but *notably relaxed* as the hearing continued. He said that the evidence about the safe-deposit box showed "Mr *Fayed and his employees* worked together to do things which are improper. I never took cash for questions."

When he began reading a signed statement by Bob Loftus, head of security be*tween 1987-96, he was ordered* to stop by Robert Sheldon, the committee chairman, who feared it would prejudice an outstanding libel trial involving Mr Al Fayed. After consultations with his legal team, Mr Hamilton proceeded.

Mr Loftus's job had included *responsibility* for the safe-deposit boxes at the store. It was only after Mr Al Fayed saw video footage of Tiny Rowland in December 1995 that he realised his old foe had a safe-deposit box there. With*in minutes, the plot had been* hatched to break into it.

John McNamara, current director of security at Harrods, was allegedly brought in to ensure that the break-in went ahead. There were *documents* and *tapes* inside. The box was first opened in December 1995, five years after a damning report by the Department of Trade *and Industry into the Al Fayed* brothers' 1984 takeover of House of Fraser, which then included Harrods. Mr Rowland had bid unsuccessfully.

According to the statement, at one point Mr Al Fayed had *demanded of Mr Loftus:* "Why didn't you bloody tell me about this when we had trouble with the DTI, that he had this box here?"

Mr Hamilton said: "What have we got here? We have the *former detective chief superin*tendent at Scotland Yard, Mr McNamara, in charge of arresting shoplifters in Harrods by day, in conspiracy with the chairman of the store to break into safe-deposit boxes and *rob their customers by night.*

"If the head of security can behave like this under Fayed's orders, why should Fayed's personal secretary and personal assistant make any resistance, particularly when *two of them are implicated* in this story as it is?"

The statement from Mr Loftus said he was rewarded with a white envelope stuffed full of cash, as was the locksmith, Robert Hamilton, *from Surrey.* They were both told to keep their mouths shut. *But Mr Hamilton said that* evidence from other Al Fayed employees had been enough "to condemn me to a lifetime of opprobrium and unemployment."

Mr Hamilton invoked the *memory of the Guildford Four* and the Birmingham Six as victims of miscarriages of justice. On the same week that the Downey report was published, the convictions of the *Bridgewater Four* had been quashed after 19 years. He *said:* "They were convicted on the basis of false evidence, given on oath in a court of law, where the burden of proof lay firmly on the prosecution, where the standard of proof for conviction was beyond *reasonable doubt, not a Par*liamentary Commissioner's hunch. I've effectively been convicted of a criminal offence — and without the benefit of rules which have been developed over hundreds of years in the courts to ensure a fair trial.

"*These aren't just* technical quibbles. It's cost me a promising career as a minister, my seat in Parliament, it's resulted in unemployment, not only for me, but also for my wife, who was my secretary. Sir *Gordon's report* effectively renders me an outcast and effectively unemployable. It isn't just my reputation which is at risk here, it is the reputation of Parliament itself. *What I am held to have done* has besmirched you all."

Mr Hamilton said of Mr Fayed: "He has a well-known record of deceit and invention. The Department of Trade and Industry report into his acquisition of the House of Fraser had branded him a liar and a cheat."

In an apparent reference to Fayed claims to have passed on the last words of Diana, Princess of Wales — the existence of which have been *denied by the hospital which* treated her and by her family — Mr Hamilton said: "In the course of the past few weeks, we have been reminded once again of Mr Fayed's innate capacity for invention. There are no depths to which Mr Fayed and his acolytes will not *stoop to achieve his ends, even* to exploiting one of the most poignant personal tragedies in modern times."

Neil Hamilton and his wife, Christine, yesterday. He said: "There are no depths to which Mr Fayed will not stoop"

Security head tells of disquiet

BOB LOFTUS was director of security at Harrods until 1996. He had previously been a *major in the Special Investiga*tions Branch of the Royal Military Police.

He said last night that he lost his job in February 1996. "My personal belief is that my disquiet over that incident [the alleged opening of a safe deposit box] coupled with oth*er matters led to my demise.*

"I was not at all happy with that, that is for sure. It had never happened before. It was of some considerable concern to me. I consider myself a man of honour and integrity, which *I would not describe* Mohamed Fayed as, nor John McNamara."

Decade of bitter rivalry

THE Hamilton affair has its origins in the struggle between Tiny Rowland and Mohamed Al Fayed for control of Harrods in the 1980s.

Neil Hamilton was one of a number of Tory MPs to side *with Mr Al Fayed. The atmo*sphere between the two sides was clouded by insults and writs, *until in 1993 Mr Fayed* and Mr Rowland reached a legal settlement (above).

Mr Rowland said yesterday that he was aware of a police investigation into alleged tampering with his deposit box, *but had no comment to* make. Harrods has denied tampering with the box.

Ex-detective worked on fraud team

JOHN McNAMARA, right, head of security for Harrods Holdings Plc, has worked with *Mr Al Fayed for more* than ten years since leaving Scotland Yard. Last month he was in Paris dealing with the aftermath of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Mr McNamara, who retired as a detective chief superintendent, joined the Metro*politan Police after leaving the* Merchant Navy.

He worked across London and was based at one time in Carter Street, in southeast London, as a detective inspector. He also spent much of his *career in the Fraud Squad,* where he worked in the public corruption section and was

involved in internal investigations involving malpractice by civilian staff.

At one stage he worked for the Complaints Investigation Bureau.

He left the Fraud Squad in the mid-1980s to join the House of Fraser and took a senior security position after *another former Scotland Yard* man left. He then moved over to Harrods.

Locksmith rejects 'ridiculous' claims

THE locksmith accused by Neil Hamilton of being called in to open the safety deposit box has won competitions for picking locks.

Roy Hamilton, who is self-employed and has worked for the police, said he regularly opened safety deposit boxes at Harrods and had been working in the store only a few days ago.

Last night he said that he could not recall any particu*lar job there in December* 1995. He denied being handed an envelope stuffed full of £50 notes and said his work would be "finished" if there was any suggestion of impropriety. The accusations by *Neil Hamilton were ludicrous* and unexpected.

"It sounds like a ridiculous James Bond film, the idea of my creeping in under cover of darkness to open the box. I simply cannot afford to be associated with anything *criminal. I open safety deposit* boxes every day of the week. A particular venture doesn't stick in my mind," he said.

"What I *do know* is that I would have to be handed an awful lot of £50 notes to risk my livelihood *in such a way.* They couldn't pay me enough *for that.*"

Mr Hamilton, who is in his forties and said he had worked as a locksmith for "considerable years", said he had never met Mohamed Al Fayed. "*I've never even seen him. The names Loftus and* McNamara don't mean much to me either."

Appeal attacks validity of Downey report

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

MOHAMMED Al Fayed takes his battle to the Court of Appeal *today to win the right* to challenge the validity of a *report* by Sir Gordon Downey, the watchdog on parliamentary malpractice.

Sir Gordon's report in March cleared the former Home Secretary, Michael Howard, of allegations by Mr *Fayed that he took* £1.5 million in bribes from Tiny Rowland, former managing director of Lonrho, through an intermediary in 1987.

Mr Fayed alleges the bribe was accepted by Mr Howard, *then consumer* affairs minister, in exchange for opening a DTI inquiry into the House of Fraser takeover by the Fayed brothers.

In a legal action which raises the important constitu*tional issue of whether the* Parliamentary Commissioner's actions can be reviewed by the courts, Mr Al Fayed, owner of Harrods sought to challenge the report in the High Court.

But in his ruling in April Mr Justice Sedley held that he did *not have jurisdiction* over Sir Gordon's actions as he answers directly to Parliament.

Today, David Pannick, QC, counsel for Mr Fayed, the owner of Harrods, will appeal against Mr Justice Sedley's *ruling.*

Mr Pannick had argued before Mr Justice Sedley that the report should be quashed as "unreasonable" on the grounds that Sir Gordon had failed to question several witnesses and, *he alleged,* was not thorough enough in look*ing into Mr Howard's acquisi*tion of funds and property.

The Parliamentary Commissioner should not be immune from review by the courts, he said. He performed an important governmental *function involving matters of* substantial public interest, that is conducting official investigations into allegations of reaches of parliamentary standards."

Stephen Richards, counsel for Sir Gordon, argued that his client was an officer of *Parliament appointed* internally after the recommendations of the Nolan report into parliamentary standards. His role was to investigate complaints about MPs' conduct.

"The House of Commons is not subject to the courts in internal proceedings," he said.

In his ruling Mr Justice Sedley said that "constitutional divide" between the judiciary and Parliament was of "great historical importance." Sir Gordon, he said, was not subject to scrutiny becaus he had been appointed internally by Parliament to report direct*ly to a select committee.*

Apologetic Short reveals her frustration over Montserrat

Development Minister tells MPs of confused decision-making, reports **Nicholas Watt**

CLARE SHORT, the International Development Secretary, yesterday admitted making mistakes during the crisis over the Montserrat *volcano, but laid most of the blame* on a "quite dreadful" decision-making process.

Ms Short had infuriated the island's leaders when she said, during a newspaper interview at the height of the crisis in August, *that their demands were so unrea*sonable that "they will be wanting golden elephants next". Asked yesterday by MPs on a Commons select committee about those remarks, *she said:* "I completely and absolutely regret that it was alleged that I said that ... I was foolish enough to use that startling *phrase, which I now regret.*"

In a two-hour appearance before the International Development Committee, Ms Short said that her response to the disaster had been hampered by the "many players" involved. She said that the Foreign Office *had overall* responsibility for the island as a dependent territory; her own department was responsible for the island's budget; and the Govern*ment of Montserrat ran the island.*

Her inability to intervene at the most basic level was illustrated when Andrew Rowe, the Conser*vative MP for Faversham and Mid* Kent, expressed astonishment that no census had been conducted on the island since people had started to leave. Ms Short said: "Thank you, Andrew. Now you understand my frustration."

Mr Rowe asked why, as a last resort, the Royal Navy could not be drafted in to count the population. Ms Short said: "I do not have the authority to do that."

Ms Short told the committee that she had "tried and tried" to have the island's sewers cleaned up, but was powerless to act *because the island's Government* was responsible. She added that her department could provide vehicles to help, but only the island Government could use them.

An exasperated *Ms Short said* that handling the crisis "has been *an enormously difficult responsi*bility for me. Part of the problem is the nature of the emergency. But a major part of the problem is that there are so many players in the *decision-making, which is quite* dreadful."

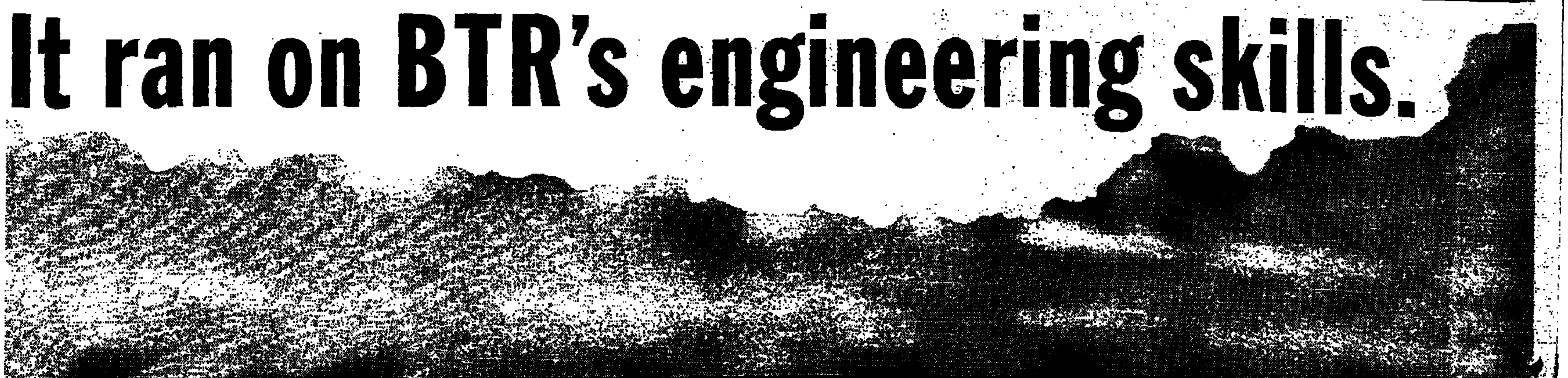
The volcano on Montserrat erupted in 1995, destroying large *parts of the island. It rumbled on* until a massive explosion last June in which people were killed. The main town of Plymouth was evacuated and the airport closed.

In August, Britain organised a partial voluntary evacuation of the island, *offering £2,500 to each* adult to help islanders to move. The Montserrat Government accused Britain of providing inadequate assistance and of scaring *islanders* after George Foulkes, Ms Short's deputy, gave warning of a "cataclysmic *explosion*". Montserrat scientists said that he had misinterpreted data.

MPs from the International Development Committee expected *to visit Montserrat tomorrow will* find that there has been little improvement in living conditions since Britain announced a rescue plan last month. There has been a pronounced increase in volcanic activity, and hundreds of Montser*ratians have been leaving.*

A change in the wind direction has carried the ash over northern parts of the island which had previously been largely unaffected but an eruption powerful enough to affect these areas severely is *thought* "very *unlikely*".

Short: she now regrets her "golden elephants" remark



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Tory MP paid price of betraying trust

Voters say Piers Merchant did not warrant a second chance, write **Daniel McGrory** and **Nicholas Watt**

TORY officials in Beckenham said last night that they had been given no indication by Piers Merchant that he was about to resign. One said: "We believed him before the election, and stood by him when he said he had been set up with Miss Cox. We trusted him then, and now we are left looking a little foolish."

Weekend pictures of Mr Merchant with his friend Anna Cox, 18, proved too much for local stalwarts who rallied to his defence in March when allegations of their alleged affair first arose.

Margaret Howarth, chairman of the Beckenham Conservative Constituency Association, looked shaken as she read a prepared statement that blamed the tabloid press rather than the MP for what was seen as an unwanted by-election. "It is a really sad day for Piers and his family, and he is right to be most mindful of protecting his young children from further press harassment." She described him as an "exemplary MP who will be sorely missed".

Most Tories, however, were far less charitable yesterday.

THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION

One senior figure in the association revealed that there had been attempts to have Mr Merchant explain his controversial association with what he described as his teenage researcher at a special meeting on Thursday this week. "He was dragging this constituency into the mire, and we needed that to be stopped," the source said.

Bert Miles, a local Conservative councillor who has been a member of the Beckenham Conservative Constituency Association for 20 years, said Mr Merchant had "cooked his goose". Mr Miles added: "He would have got the sack. Lots of people in the association have been telephoning me since the weekend saying once was enough. They could not forgive him a second time."

Mr Miles said that the association had supported Mr Merchant in March after accepting his explanation that he had been out canvassing with Miss Cox when the embarrassing pictures were taken.

"But this was a different story. He was away for four nights during the Conservative Party conference. I think he has let everybody down. The leaders of the association are probably breathing a sigh of relief. It has been quite a shock."

His sentiments were echoed in softer language by Eric Chalker, a member of the association's executive, who said that Mr Merchant's resignation was "sadly" inevitable after the publication of the pictures in the *Sunday Mirror*. Local Conservatives felt bruised and it would have been "intolerable for both parties" if Mr Merchant had remained as an MP.

Asked on BBC Radio 4's *PM* whether he was surprised by the weekend allegations, Mr Chalker said: "It is strange that a professional, stroke business, relationship between two people should have developed without the association having been informed ... I feel let down by the circumstances."

Local officials insist Conservative Central Office had made no attempts in the past 48 hours to force any investigation into the MP's behaviour. One said: "They did not try and we would not have agreed to it anyway. That is not the way we do things."

Local voters in Beckenham High Street seemed more perplexed by the fact that the MP's wife had posed at the front door with Miss Cox to insist there was nothing untoward in Mr Merchant's association. Ian Grey, a lifelong Tory, said: "It takes some believing to get caught twice with the same girl and protest your innocence."

Claudia Bangs, 50, who voted for Mr Merchant in May, said: "I was prepared to give him a second chance, but not a third. So best he goes, the silly man."

Kathleen Lewis, 69, said: "I think it's a great pity he's gone, as it was a great source of entertainment for us. He obviously had a very loyal wife to stay in the same house as a blonde teenager."

Many constituents agreed that Mr Merchant had been an energetic and popular MP. Patric Ellwood, 70, said: "I liked the man, but he left himself down and more importantly his voters. I thought he had been set up at first, but not any more."

By last night, the epitaphs on Mr Merchant's career had been written and Tory activists were more concerned to discuss the shortlist of possible replacements.

ALAN WELLER

Piers and Helen Merchant earlier this year. The Beckenham MP was said to be "an exemplary MP who will be sorely missed"

Arcane rules date back to 17th century

By James Landale
Political Reporter

BY A quirk of constitutional history, the precise timing of Piers Merchant's resignation is in the hands of Gordon Brown.

Only when the Chancellor of the Exchequer signs a warrant giving Mr Merchant a new job will the Tory MP's career in Parliament formally come to an end. That job will be an "office of profit under the Crown" known as the Crown Steward and Bailiff of the Manor of Northstead.

Although this sinecure is unpaid, involves no responsibilities and exists only in law, it will automatically disqualify Mr Merchant from being an MP: anyone who is paid by the Crown cannot impartially scrutinise the action of the Crown's Government.

The sinecure used similarly is Crown Steward and Bailiff of the three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham. The last person to "apply for the Chiltern Hundreds" was Neil Kinnock, who stood down as an MP in 1995 to become a European Commissioner. The sinecures are granted alternately.

HOW MPs RESIGN

Mr Merchant has to write to Mr Brown asking for the Manor of Northstead. The Chancellor then signs a witnessed warrant of appointment and a letter is sent to Mr Merchant, omitting the letters MP after his name, informing him of his appointment.

These arcane procedures have to be used because MPs cannot constitutionally resign their seats. This rule, laid down in a Commons resolution in 1623, dates from the time when being an MP was a reluctant duty rather than an eagerly sought honour. Had it been too easy to resign, many MPs would have done so.

The Manor of Northstead consisted of a number of fields and farms in the North Riding of Yorkshire. Much of it is now under a lake.

'I have decided to resign to protect family and friends'

THE statement from Piers Merchant that was issued to the Press Association news agency yesterday:

THE STATEMENT

"I have decided to seek an early opportunity to resign my seat. This is entirely my own decision. I have been put under no pressure from anyone else to do this.

It is taken to protect my family, especially my two sensitive children, and also my friends, including Anna Cox and her family, from the intensive and continued tabloid intrusion into our private lives which otherwise seems set to continue indefinitely, and from further character assassination.

I have informed my agent and Conservative Association chairman but have not yet had the opportunity to discuss the matter at length with them or with others in the association.

But rather than to wait for planned meetings, I hope that my quick decision will reduce damage to the local association. I have also informed the Deputy Chief Whip.

Both Helen and I are deeply grateful for the continued support, understanding and comfort we have received and the loyalty shown by those who know us well.

I have always tried to work as effectively as possible for all my constituents.

I would like to thank all those who have supported and helped me in Beckenham where my family and I have been very happy until recently.

I have always believed there should be a clear line between a person's private life and their work, whatever its nature.

So it is a strange irony that I have become far better known through this than I ever would have become from the work I have consistently put in for my constituents.

The claim that I have created the media coverage in order to generate publicity for the forthcoming book is absurd and without foundation as is so much of what has been printed.

Piers Merchant will be making no further comment."

The Sunday Mirror was poised to reveal all

Newspaper planned to send a full dossier about the affair to Hague and the constituency, **Carol Midgley** reports

THE Sunday Mirror was planning to hand over a substantial dossier of "evidence" against Piers Merchant to William Hague and the MP's constituency association if he had continued to protest his innocence.

Bridget Rowe, the editor of the *Sunday Mirror*, insisted she had "100 per cent, incontrovertible" proof — understood to include more photographs — of a sexual relationship between Mr Merchant and his blonde researcher, Anna Cox, 18.

A spokesman for the newspaper hinted that further revelations could follow if Mr Merchant continued to accuse the journalists of fabricating the story. "We will contest any lies he continues to tell," he said. "If we need to break the lies, we will."

In a statement, the paper said: "the *Sunday Mirror's* investigation has produced incontrovertible proof that Miss Cox and Mr Merchant are enjoying a full sexual relationship and that their affair resumed only weeks after his original denial.

"In his statement of resignation, Mr Merchant talks of 'character assassination' by the tabloid press and complains of 'intensive and continued intrusion' into his private life. It was the web of deceit and lies spun by him that trapped him and attracted the necessary and quite proper attentions of the British press.

THE PRESS

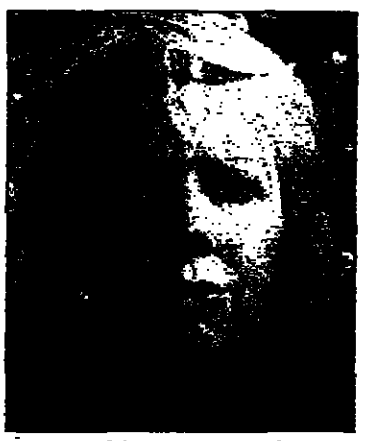
"He said earlier that he had always believed that there should be a clear line between a person's private life and his work. The Sunday Mirror agrees: what people get up to in their bedrooms - or those of their lovers - is a matter for them. But if anyone criss-crossed that line with suicidal abandon it was Piers Merchant."

Mr Merchant claims he is researching a book about the excesses of tabloid journalism and that Miss Cox was helping him. A team of journalists and photographers compiled the alleged dossier over the week of the Tory Party conference in Blackpool. Insiders say only "a fraction" of the material has been used and there were plans to send copies to the Beckenham Conservatives and Mr Hague.

Merchant was still berating the tabloid press as he walked the political plank and resigned his Beckenham seat yesterday. But the man who complained of the newspapers' "intensive and continued" invasion of his privacy has yet to make a complaint to the Press Complaints Commission or take legal action against the Sunday Mirror which splashed the allegations across six pages last weekend.

Ms Rowe is a member of the PCC's code of practice committee. She insisted she had adhered strictly to the rules while photographing him and investigating the story which was in the public interest and designed to expose his hypocrisy. "We have to remember that Piers Merchant is an MP who two years ago warned the Tories they must be whiter-than-white and he has spectacularly failed to take his own advice," she told Radio 4's Today programme.

"The fact that Mr Merchant spent five hours at the Tory party conference last week and the rest of the time partying with his mistress is quite extraordinary, particularly when his leader needs all the support he can get."



Bridget Rowe: had "100 per cent" proof

She said the issue of privacy was a "very different subject" to the one surrounding the harassment of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Allegations of the affair emerged in March when The Sun said he and Miss Cox were having a relationship. Photographs showed the MP and Miss Cox kissing, walking arm-in-arm, and leaving his London flat together.

Mr Merchant's wife Helen with whom he has two children, stood by him then as he told party members in his Beckenham constituency: "I am whiter than white."

The former journalist, who was a news editor for The Journal newspaper in Newcastle, said Miss Cox was a party worker and theirs was just an innocent friendship. But Miss Cox claimed in a newspaper story that she tied him to the bed with her stockings while they made love.

Despite calls for him to step down, Mr Merchant was backed by his wife in a very public display of support, and went on to keep his seat in Parliament She also stood by him this week when it emerged that Miss Cox had moved into the family's home.

Portillo heads contenders for the vacant seat

MICHAEL PORTILLO last night headed a list of former MPs and ministers being mentioned as possible applicants for the Beckenham constituency following Piers Merchant's decision to resign his seat.

Tory officials in the Kent constituency were bracing themselves for a flood of applications from ex-MPs who were defeated in May and are looking for a return route to Parliament. However, a local and as yet unknown contender is equally likely be selected for the seat.

The constituency, where Mr Merchant secured a majority of 4,953 at the General Election despite a 15 per cent swing to Labour, is by present standards a relatively safe seat.

Mr Portillo, the former Defence Secretary who a suffered a shocking defeat at Enfield Southgate, is known to be keen to return to the political front line.

Speaking on the BBC *Today* programme in July, he said: "The way I feel at the moment is that I would like to be an MP again.

"I don't think the opportunity will come soon and it's always possible that my mind will change, but my present feeling is that if someone felt inclined to elect me ... that I would wish to be an MP."

Mr Portillo was last night unavailable for comment but close friends said he was likely to think it too early for him to return to Westminster after suffering such a humiliating defeat.

Tory officials refused to be drawn on who might try for the seat and insisted that it was entirely a matter for the Beckenham Tory Association. "They have complete responsibility for selecting a candidate, no doubt they will want to move on that soon," a spokesman said. "I'm sure they will pick a first-rate candidate."

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Other heavyweight former ministers who lost their seats and could be tempted to try again include Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Michael Forsyth, and William Waldegrave.

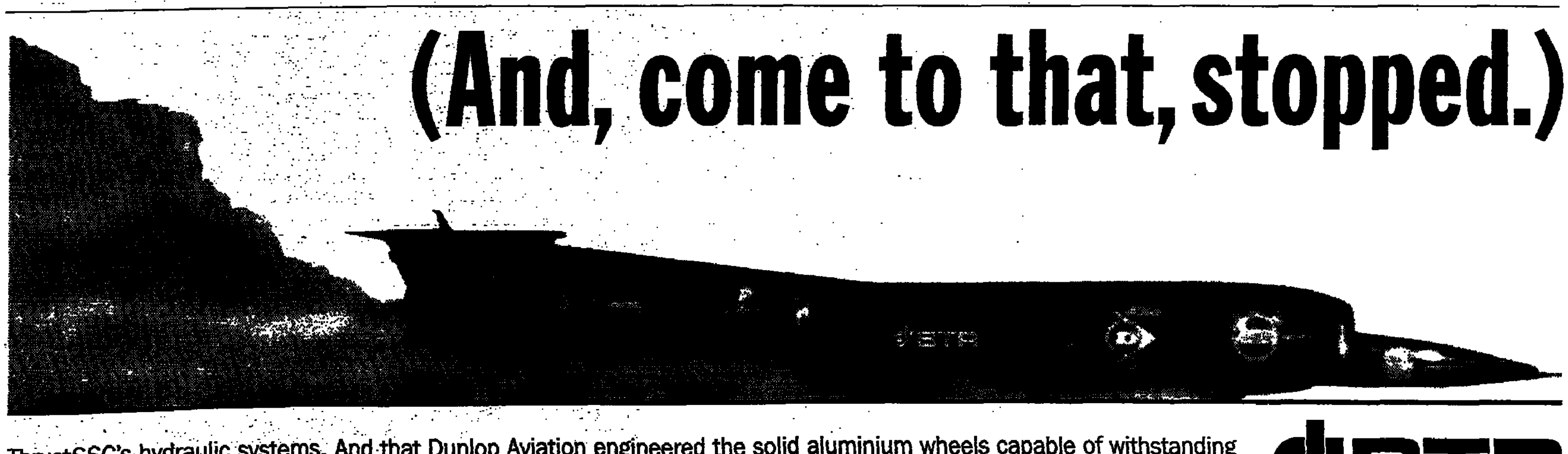
Chris Patten, the former Hong Kong Governor and one-time Tory chairman, is thought unlikely to stand.

Most junior former Tory ministers who were defeated in May said that it was too early to say whether they would try for the seat.

Jonathan Evans, the former Welsh Minister who lost his Brecon and Radnor seat, did not rule out an application. "It's far too early for me to think about really," he said.

Mr Evans has made no secret of his desire to return the Commons at some stage, but he is about to take up a post in the City.

Portillo: he would like a return to front lines



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Thrust team marks its place in history

The British team has broken the sound barrier on land. Now it must try again to make it official, **Giles Whittell** writes

FIFTY years to the day after the sound barrier was first broken in the air, Andy Green and the *Thrust SSC* team awoke yesterday elated at having achieved the same feat on land.

Monday's historic pair of supersonic runs across the Black Rock Desert at an average speed of 762mph were not followed by riotous celebrations. Before flying home to Britain the team is aiming to repeat its achievement under the strict conditions required for an official world record.

Asked how they would be spending the evening, Squadron Leader Green replied briskly: "We'll be working hard." The record eluded him when a double parachute failure caused by fire damage from his two afterburners let the *Thrust SSC* car roll more than a mile beyond its planned stopping point after his dramatic Mach 1.007 run.

Working against the clock, the recovery crew spent 20 minutes towing the twin-engined car back to the start line. Five more minutes were lost waiting for overheated on-board computers to cool down. *Thrust SSC* entered the measured mile on its second supersonic dash just 50 seconds outside the hour allowed by international rules.

"So near and yet so far," Richard Noble, the team's leader, repeated after being told by United States Auto Club timers that the next run, at 760 mph, could not count towards an official record.

Disappointed at first, Mr Noble's attitude changed as the magnitude of his accomplishment sank in. "Unbelievable — we did it," he told his team at a late-afternoon press conference. Turning to reporters, he said: "We've worked very hard for a long, long time to achieve this. It's important to understand that a world first is a hell of a lot better than a world record." A cheer went up when Adam Northcote-Wright, the operations manager, said: "You can remake records, you can't remake history."

Squadron Leader Green's place in history had indeed been assured three hours earlier. At 2.05pm Pacific time, hurtling from north to south over a 13-mile white gypsum line painted on the desert, he accelerated with eerie smoothness through the sound barrier and into automotive legend.

From the media's watching area half a mile west of the track, the ten-tonne black car seemed to approach in total silence, leaving the roar of its engines far behind as it added 100mph of speed every five seconds. Journalists heard a soft but distinct double popping sound at the entrance to the measured mile.

Paul Grover, a British photographer positioned over the track in an ultra-light aircraft, heard something else. "It was two large cracks, like machine gunfire," he said. The *Thrust* recovery crew at the end of the track also heard a much louder double bang than observers at the side, even on Squadron Leader Green's first run at Mach 0.997 or 749mph.

"The crew were jumping up and down because they'd heard the sonic boom before I got there," Squadron Leader Green said. "It's a tremendous day," he went on. "The five years of effort put in by this team and our 230 sponsors and so many people of Nevada all came together today."

The team plans two more supersonic runs within an hour to take the record. This could be today, but with new computer data to be analysed and extra fireproofing to be done on the parachutes, delays seemed likely.

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Richard Noble, the *Thrust* team leader, and his wife, Sally, celebrate as the car breaks the sound barrier

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Japanese win the race to produce eco-friendly car

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

THE Toyota Motor group yesterday emerged as the outright winner in the race to mass-produce and market a hybrid car, which combines a petrol engine and an electric motor in a complex system that sharply reduces fuel consumption and poisonous emissions.

Introducing the four-seater Prius, Toyota said its technology would cut fuel consumption and carbon dioxide emissions to half the levels of comparable petrol-powered vehicles. Emissions of nitrogen oxide and carbon monoxide will be cut to one tenth those of a conventional 1.5-litre petrol engine, said officials of Japan's biggest car maker. Under test conditions, the Prius yielded as much as 66 miles to a gallon.

While other Japanese and foreign car makers, including Detroit's Big Three — Ford, Chrysler and General Motors — have hybrid cars in the works, Toyota will become the only one to put the product on the market. The Prius will be only available in Japan, with a price tag of 2.15 million yen (£11,140).

The hybrid, which goes on sale on December 10, runs on electricity when it starts, and also while running at low speeds of under 12mph when the petrol engine is less efficient. When the car picks up speed, it runs on both petrol and electricity. The engine and brakes keep it recharged, eliminating the main drawback of electric cars: a short battery life.

Toyota officials said the complex technology makes the car expensive to produce. Some reports say the showroom price would need to be five million yen for Toyota to cover costs, but there would be few buyers at that price.

"Frankly speaking, it may be pretty difficult to make a profit on this at present," said a senior Toyota official.

Growing public concern about gas emissions has prompted Toyota and rivals such as Honda and Nissan to develop hybrids, in the hope that environmentally friendly cars can give a boost to stagnating domestic sales.

Hiroshi Okuda, the president of Toyota, said recently that the company would commit itself to offering environmentally friendly products, which he said were the key to further growth in the car industry.

Toyota envisages sales of about 1,000 Prius hybrids in the first month.

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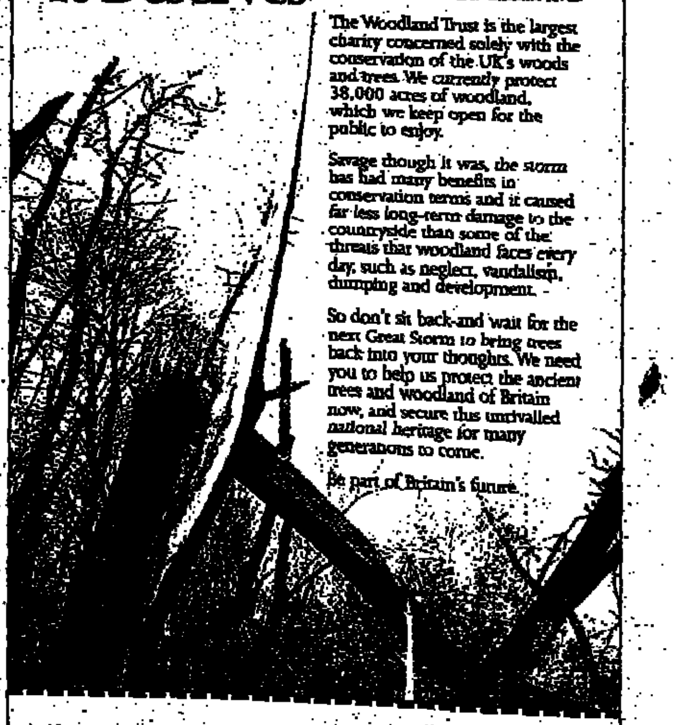

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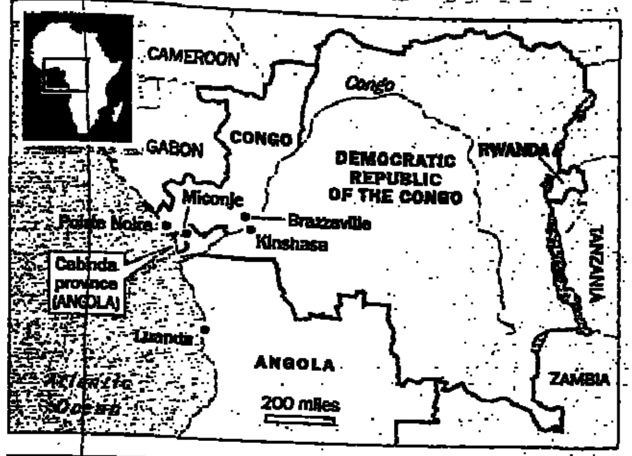
Fighting spreads to oil-rich enclave as Angola joins Congo's civil war



By Sam Kiley
AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

ANGOLAN troops have joined Congolese rebels and opened a second front against government forces in the oil-rich south of Congo-Brazzaville.

Diplomats said about 1,000 Angolan government troops had crossed from the enclave of Cabinda into Congo, where President Lissouba is facing a challenge from Denis Sassou Nguesso, a former President.

Intelligence sources yesterday gave a warning that Rwanda may also be drawn into the conflict, which has claimed at least 5,000 lives over the past two months, as neighbouring states set out to settle long-standing scores.

Angola's retaliation against Congo followed reports that President Lissouba had hired mercenaries from Angola's rebel Unita movement to fight General Nguesso's Cobra militia.

Angola's enclave of Cabinda is wedged between Congo and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, formerly Zaire. The enclave is rich in oil, on which Angola depends to prop up its war-shattered economy.

According to diplomats, Congolese troops counter-attacked Angolan forces yesterday and were fighting for control of Miconje in the north of Cabinda. Congolese warplanes flew over the Takula region in the enclave.

Soon afterwards, a MiG fighter-bomber, thought to be from Angola, bombed the pro-government southern sector of Brazzaville, the Congo's capital. Twenty civilians were reported to have been killed.

A gendarme at the French Embassy was wounded by shelling during a ground assault on the presidential palace. General Nguesso's Cobra militia claimed yesterday to have taken the palace and the airport.

While Angola's rebels have joined forces with the Congo's Government, and Congolese rebels have allied themselves with the Angolan administration in the battle for control of some of Africa's biggest oil reserves, the conflict threatens to draw in other old enemies as well.

At least 4,500 Hutu soldier-refugees from Rwanda are based in a camp on the Congo river, posing a threat to the Rwandan Tutsi soldiers who installed President Kabila in power in Kinshasa, capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Intelligence sources said yesterday that if the Hutu soldiers joined either side in the conflict across the river, Tutsi soldiers were certain to attack them from Kinshasa. Mr Kabila last week sent an "observer" force of several hundred commandos into Brazzaville to investigate who had been firing shells into Kinshasa. His senior officers suspect that Hutu extremists backed by soldiers loyal to Mobutu Sese Seko, Zaire's late President, are using the conflict in Brazzaville as a cover for attacks on Kinshasa.

This may drag Rwanda's Tutsi soldiers into fighting far from home. Last week Major-General Paul Kagame, Rwanda's Vice-President, said after a visit to Kinshasa that he did not rule out combined military operations with Mr Kabila "if the need should arise".

Massacre takes Algeria's death toll to 75,000

Axes, hoes and DIY guillotines in rebel armoury, Christopher Walker reports

A BRUTAL weekend massacre of more that 50 civilians by Islamic militants in Algeria has brought to 75,000 the latest Arab diplomatic estimates of the death toll since the civil war for control of the largest North African country broke out nearly six years ago.

The rising toll compares with the 250,000 Algerians killed in what young Islamic fighters now refer to as the "first war of liberation", that waged against French colonial rule between 1954 and 1962.

According to Algerian newspapers, most of the latest victims were women and men under 30 who had had their throats cut and bodies mutilated in a two-hour frenzy of murder suspected to have been the work of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA).

Gruesome methods now used to butcher victims include the murder and incineration of children, the severing of heads and the mutiliation of body parts. The militants' goal is to create an Iranian-style theocratic state whose influence could then spread through the Arab world and to Europe only 300 miles away.

"It is genocide. There is no other word," said Djamil Benrabeh, co-leader of an organisation called Our Algeria, which struggles to help victims. It is the "pure and simple extermination of a defenceless civilian population", said Mr Benrabeh, whose wife was killed in a 1995 attack by gunmen.

The instruments of death have become correspondingly crude. In addition to guns, knives and bombs, they now also number axes, hoes and homemade guillotines transported on pick-up trucks.

The weekend ambush took place on a bridge near the small town of Sig, 205 miles west of Algiers. It was the worst single massacre in the western region of Oran, which had largely been spared because, as the home of Algeria's main gas and oil export facilities, it has been guarded by forces loyal to President Zeroual.

The massacre followed a recent pattern, with the victims being lured to their deaths when their bus was stopped at a phoney roadblock. The ambush took place soon after a senior Algerian general had made the rare admission that Islamic insurgency persists. "Terrorism is in no way vanquished," said the general who is in charge of a continuing operation designed to dislodge the GIA from its stronghold in Ouled Allel, just south of Algiers. Until his remarks were published, the Government had attempted to cover up the extent of the bloodshed by referring euphemistically to some "residual terrorism".

In fact, the war may be approaching a new spiral of violence as competing Islamic groups strive to increase disruption in advance of municipal elections on October 23. The ballot is designed to restore elected officials to the country's 1,500 town halls and 48 provincial authorities for the first time in seven years.

The elections are an attempt by the Government to promote a sense of normality and rare visas have been promised to international news organisations usually barred. The move was met with a call for a boycott by a group of exiled leaders of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), who claimed it would be useless.

☐ Algiers: A judge was shot dead by unidentified men in the town of Ain-Berber in eastern Algeria as he left for work, the *Liberté* and *El-Khabar* dailies said. More than 20 judges have been killed by Islamic extremists since 1992. *(AFP)*

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Sudanese Army soldiers captured by the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army wait at a makeshift prison compound at Yei, southern Sudan

Conflicts claim 18 million lives since 1945

By Michael Evans
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY 18 million people were killed in wars and other armed conflicts between the end of the Second World War in 1945 and 1994, according to a study by the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies.

The statistics, in the institute's latest edition of *The Military Balance*, show that East Asia, Central and South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa account for more than 15 million of the fatalities. There are "active" conflicts in countries such as Colombia, Algeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan and Sudan.

John Chipman, the institute's director, said: "The map of the world's armed conflicts is a grim reminder ... of the number taking place, many without any prospect of effective mediation or decisive intervention."

The study showed that 10,371,000 people died in East Asia, including two million in the Vietnam War, three million in Korea, and one million from the Pol Pot massacres in Cambodia. The toll from other regions include 2,857,000 in Central and South Asia, 2,685,000 in sub-Saharan Africa, 447,000 in Latin America, 186,000 in Europe, 108,000 in North Africa and 972,000 in the Middle East.

The institute has also included less obvious violent deaths, such as 1,000 killed by army suppression in South Korea in 1980 and one million government executions in China from 1950-51.

In recent years, the worst peace record has been on the African continent. In Algeria 50,000 have died since 1992. Since 1991, 350,000 people have been killed in the Somali Republic, 30,000 in Sierra Leone since 1991, 150,000 in Liberia from 1989 to 1996, and 50,000 in Mozambique from 1976 to 1995. About 500,000 people died in the 1963-1972 civil war in Sudan. Today, there is still a civil war in southern Sudan, although there are hopes of an end to the conflict after the Government accepted a framework for peace in July which opened the way for negotiations with the rebel Sudanese People's Liberation Army.

The report said that the Middle East and North Africa remained the largest arms market in the world, with deliveries of "major conventional weapons systems" at a high level in 1996 and 1997 as a result of orders made three or four years ago.

The greatest importer of defence equipment in 1996 was Saudi Arabia, with nearly $9 billion (£5.6 billion), which was almost three times more than Egypt, the second largest importer.

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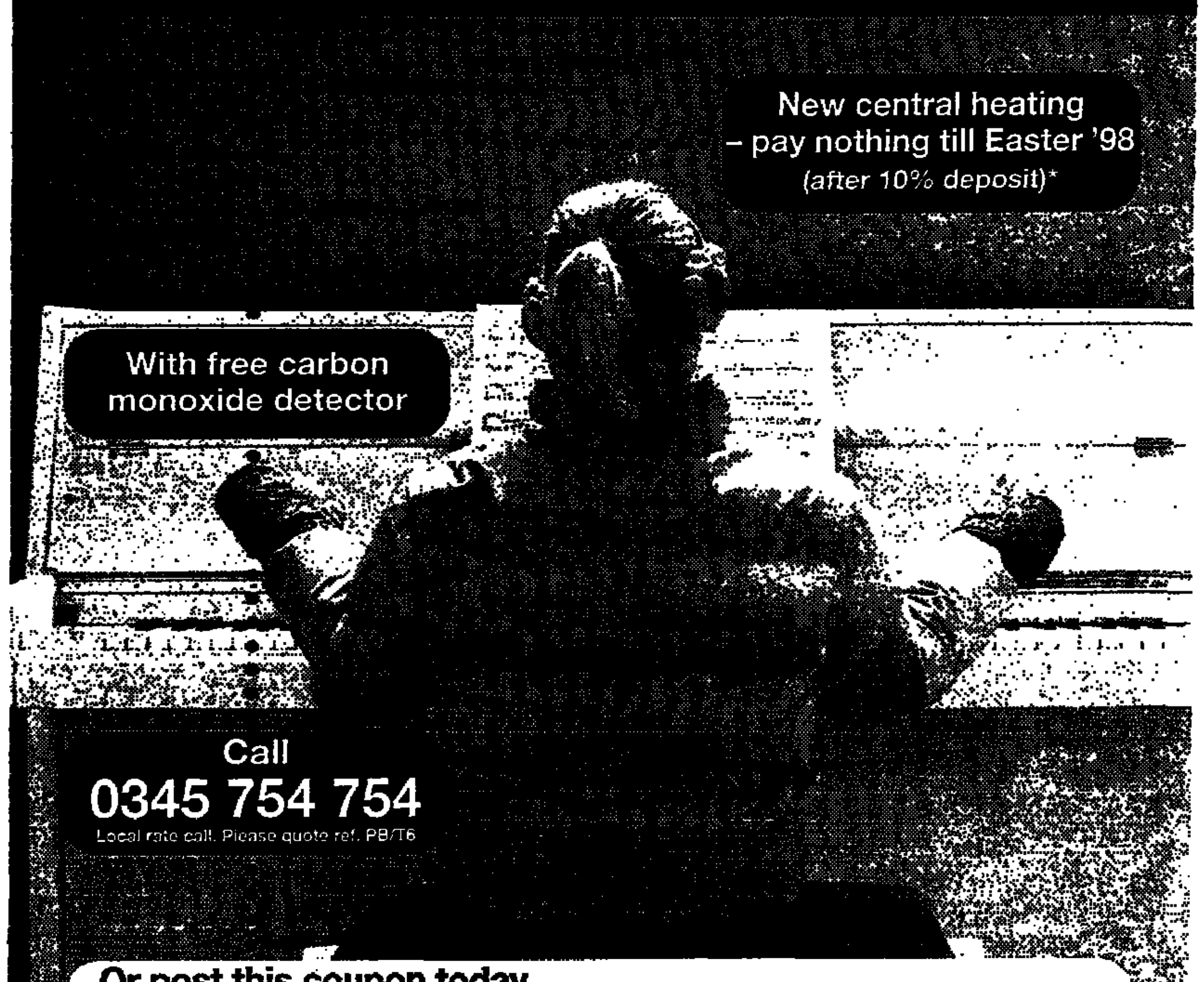

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Clinton presses Brazil on trade dream

From Gabriella Gamini in Rio de Janeiro

PRESIDENT Clinton and President Cardoso of Brazil held several hours of talks yesterday in an attempt to iron out differences over Mr Clinton's dream for a hemispheric trade pact from Alaska to Patagonia by 2005.

During his three-day stay in Brazil, Mr Clinton and Madeleine Albright, his Secretary of State, will sign bilateral agreements on space projects, education, technological interchange, environmental issues and the war on the drugs trade.

But it appears that Mr Clinton's main aim is to overcome Brazilian objections to his trade bloc plan. There has been strong political and public opposition in Brazil to giving in too eagerly to American demands.

Backing from South America's biggest and strongest economy would make it easier for Mr Clinton to convince the US Congress to grant him the "fast-track" authority he needs to negotiate commercial agreements in the region.

Mr Clinton's eagerness to create a trade bloc in the Americas reflects growing fears in the United States that it will lose influence over emerging South American markets, whose trade with the European Union has grown in recent years. But he faces strong opposition from a Congress backing the interests of US farmers and industry, who fear a flood of cheap goods.

Senhor Cardoso, who has expressed caution about rushing into a commercial pact, said during the Brasilia talks that the free trade zone was an "ambitious project shared by both countries. But there remain differences over its creation".

Optimism over euro receives twin boost

From Charles Bremner in Brussels

CONFIDENCE in a smooth launch for the European single currency hardened yesterday when France and Germany cleared the way for a new body to co-ordinate policy in the future euro zone and a Brussels forecast showed that all states except Greece were on track to qualify for the currency.

Theo Waigel and Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the German and French Finance Ministers, patched up a long-standing Franco-German quarrel on political supervision of the euro, agreeing to the shape of an "informal" council that would monitor economic, budget, foreign exchange and other issues.

Germany insisted that the arrangement, which is likely to win full EU approval next month, would not impinge on the authority of the future European Central Bank or the business of Ecofin, the EU's law-making economic and financial council.

However, with the prospect that 11 of the 15 EU states will qualify for the euro next spring, the deal raises the likelihood of a new EU power centre. Britain, which is expected to stay out of the single currency, would be excluded from this "euro council", along with Greece, Sweden and Denmark.

Herr Waigel depicted the new forum, to be called the "EX", with the X standing for the number of euro countries, as an EU parallel to the G7, the forum of the world's main industrialised nations. He delivered an implicit warning to Britain on the dangers of exclusion on Monday when he urged the Government to sign up to the euro.

The European Commission yesterday rubbed in the likely isolation of the non-euro states when Yves Thibault de Silguy, the monetary commissioner, withdrew earlier reservations over the proposed council. The issue had raised concern when it had seemed that only a handful of states would qualify for membership, but now it was clear a majority would be there, he said.

New evidence came with the Commission's forecasts showing that stronger-than-expected growth and tight budgets across the EU mean that 14 out of the 15 are likely to be deemed to have met the criteria laid down in the 1992 Maastricht treaty. The future euro states are to be chosen at a summit under British chairmanship next May, eight months ahead of the launch.

Although the Commission's forecasts are judged by many non-EU experts to err on the optimistic side, they will be used by British euro supporters who argue that sterling's absence from a broad euro zone could weaken the economy and undermine British influence in the EU.

Britain emerges as one of the best performers in the forecasts, joining Luxembourg and Finland as the only states expected to pass a strict reading of all the main criteria. However the Commission reduced its earlier estimates of British growth, saying it could only expect a 2.1 per cent rise in gross domestic product next year, compared with an EU average of 3.0 per cent.

All except France and Greece are due to scrape under the key deficit ceiling of 3 per cent of GDP this year. At a forecast 3.1 per cent, France "should not present any concerns," M de Silguy said.

Resolution of Italy's government crisis was greeted yesterday by Jacques Santer, the Commission President, as evidence that Rome would keep up the austerity drive that has brought it within reach of the euro.

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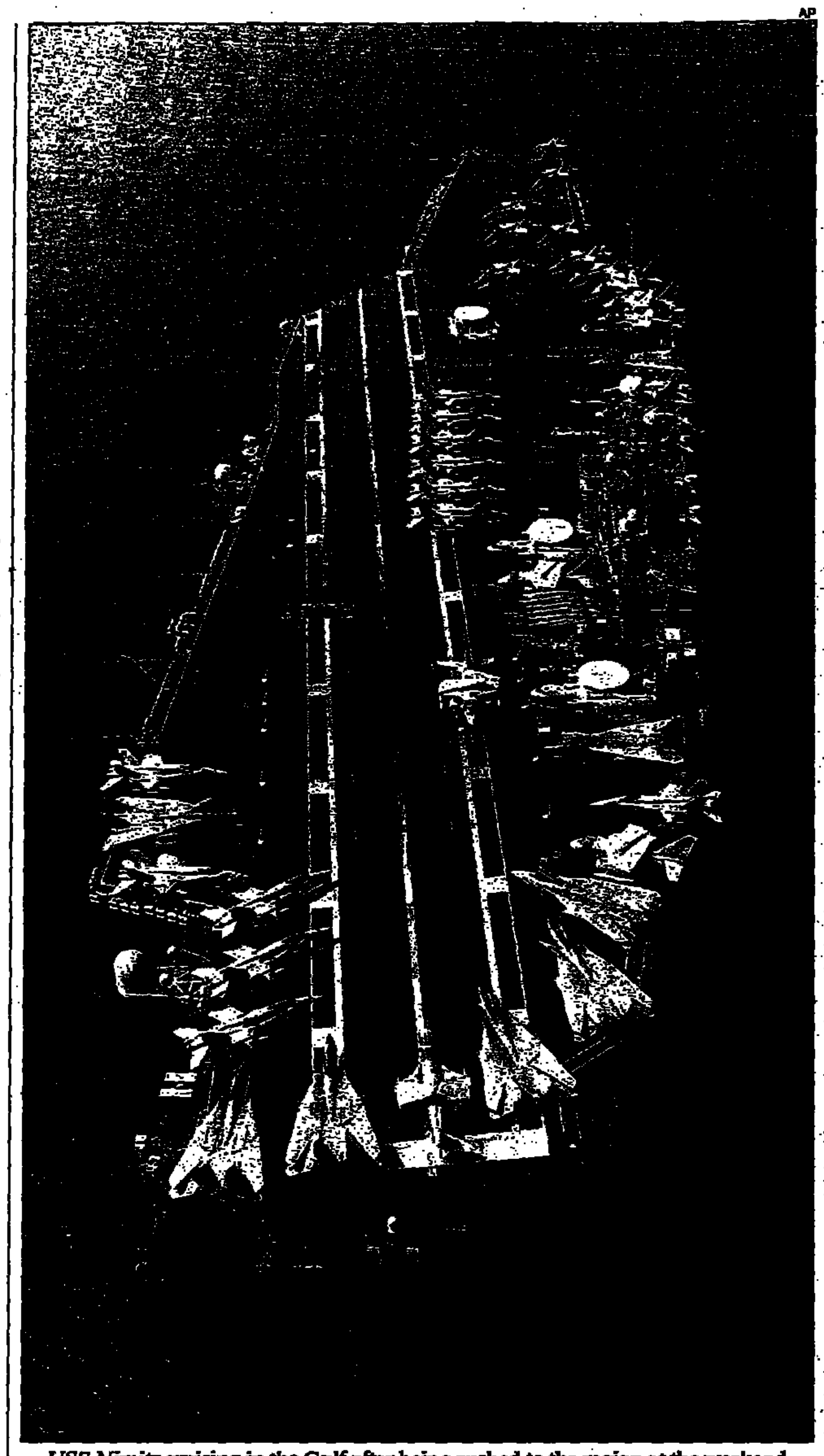


USS Nimitz cruising in the Gulf after being rushed to the region at the weekend

US force brings 'no-fly' calm

Washington: The commander of the US aircraft carrier battle group that rushed to the Gulf after Iran launched naval manoeuvres in the waterway said yesterday that the "no-fly zone" had been calm since their arrival. "We've seen the activity in the no-fly zone actually calm down in the past couple of days, which is, I think, significant because of our presence here and the great deal of work that's already been done by the US Air Force in this part of the world in enforcing the no-fly zone," Rear Admiral John Nathman said in an interview with Cable News Network.

Admiral Nathman said dealings between the US battle group and the Iranian Navy had been "professional and courteous", but the US fleet was being cautious about Iranian activity. The US aircraft carrier battle group led by the *Nimitz* arrived in the Gulf on Sunday, one day after Iran began naval exercises in the region.

The *Nimitz*, which can carry 50 fighters, and six US warships entered the region about two weeks ahead of schedule after Iranian warplanes blasted two Iranian rebel bases in southern Iraq on September 29, violating the no-fly zone enforced by Western allies. On Saturday, the Iranian Navy started exercises that involved two Russian-built submarines and nearly 50 ships.

Rear Admiral Nathman did not say how long the force would stay, but he believed the US presence forced Iran and Iraq to "get the message" about US enforcement of the no-fly zone. *(Reuters)*

WORLD SUMMARY

Town's hotels treat Papon as pariah

Paris: Hotels in Bordeaux closed their doors to Maurice Papon, the former civil servant accused of sending hundreds of Jews to their death in the Second World War (Ben Macintyre writes).

Last Friday Bordeaux's court ruled that the ailing 87-year-old should be released from prison for the rest of his trial, but he has become a pariah, forced to move from hotel to hotel. One asked him to go after demonstrators rallied outside shouting "Death to Papon!" and "Throw him in jail!". Hotel switchboards have been bombarded by callers denouncing him and accusing staff of being collaborators. The health of M Papon, who was allowed to leave Gradignan prison near Bordeaux because of fears he might die, has apparently improved.

Nevis opts to break away

Roaring against its stronger partner in an unpopular federation, a Caribbean "mouse" yesterday declared itself a new independent state (Michael Binyon writes). With only 9,900 inhabitants, Nevis would be one of the world's smallest states if it secedes from St Kitts. The five legislators of an island that was once a favourite haunt of drug smugglers and Diana, Princess of Wales, voted unanimously to leave the twin-island federation of which Nevis has been a part since gaining independence from Britain in 1983. Their decision must be ratified by two thirds of the voters.

Russian MPs head for revolt

Moscow: Russia's opposition-dominated parliament and the Government were headed for a potentially explosive showdown, which could plunge the country into fresh elections (Richard Beeston writes). After days of threats and counter-threats, desperate negotiations were under way at the Duma, the lower house, to head off a no-confidence vote in the Government of Viktor Chernomyrdin scheduled for today. Last week the Duma rejected the 1998 budget and rounded on the Government for its failure to improve the lot of millions of poor Russians.

Beggar's bid fools auction

Hong Kong: The government's biggest land sale was thrown into confusion yesterday when a penniless woman, right, made a winning bid of almost HK$900 million (more than £70 million) for a plot (Jonathan Mirsky writes). The bogus bidder was identified as someone who stands outside Legislative Council meetings, shrieking at members. She was taken away in an ambulance and the largest site in Hong Kong's history to be sold, 980,000 sq ft in Tai Po, went for £448 million.

Deal allows Prodi to stay

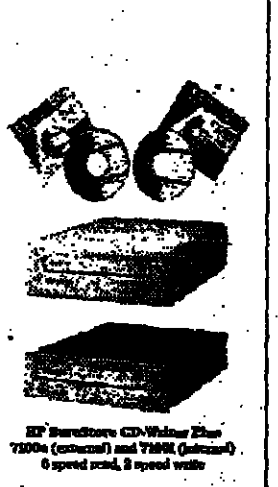
Rome: Italy's 18-month-old centre-left Government sealed an agreement with its hardline Communist parliamentary allies allowing it to stay in power for a year and carry through a budget to help Italy to meet the criteria for the European single currency (Richard Owen writes). Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, had tendered his resignation to President Scalfaro last Thursday after Communist Refoundation withdrew its support in the budget debate. A vote of confidence confirming Signor Prodi in office is expected tomorrow.

Botha apology on apartheid

Johannesburg: R.F. "Pik" Botha, left, South Africa's former Foreign Minister, has apologised for failing to turn the tide of apartheid and to investigate the killing and torturing of political opponents by the security forces. Mr Botha denied he had authorised political murders and told the Truth and Reconciliation Commission he had recognised apartheid as immoral since the early 1970s. He said a 1986 Commonwealth mission nearly brokered an end to apartheid. *(Reuters)*

Bomber 'wanted to kill Jews'

Cairo: The man who masterminded the fire-bombing of a tour bus in central Cairo last month which left nine German holidaymakers dead said at the start of his trial yesterday that he had wanted to kill Jews. Saber Abu al-Ela said he did not prevent the attack when he discovered his victims were German tourists because "infidels are all the same". *(AFP)*



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Italy angered by British 'defence of hooliganism'

From Richard Owen in Rome

WHAT started as a low-key diplomatic spat between Italy and Britain over the policing of last Saturday's World Cup qualifying match turned into a heated war of words yesterday. Lamberto Dini, the Foreign Minister, declared that British criticisms of Italian police behaviour from Tony Blair downwards were "absolutely incomprehensible".

"The view in London, putting the blame on our forces of law and order, seems to me quite extraordinary," Signor Dini said. "It was not our police who created the disorder, it was the England fans. They smashed up the city centre before the match and poured back on to the streets after it.

"Quite apart from what happened inside the stadium, we have to take into account the fact that even before the game started there had been a number of incidents involving British citizens," he said. "Numerous British fans committed acts of vandalism in the centre of Rome. They damaged cars, they threw stones through shop windows, and started brawls in the heart of our capital." He said he did not know if the fans involved were drunk, "but in a sense I hope they were, because if they were not their aggressive behaviour becomes even more reprehensible".

Italian officials had been slow to react to British charges that police behaved violently. The prevailing view is that the police bravely contained aggressive thugs fuelled by alcohol. "We have a government crisis on our hands, we have other things to worry about," one official said testily on Monday, when hard questions about Italian behaviour were being asked in London. "There was a match, there was hooliganism, and our police dealt with it."

Italians are still haunted by the tragedy of the Liverpool-Juventus match at the Heysel stadium in 1985, when 39 fans died, most of them Italian. "Mr Blair may be young, but even he must know that what happened in Rome has its roots in history," *La Stampa* said. "There was a desire on Saturday to suppress trouble quickly to avoid a wider tragedy. Maintaining public order is not an exact science."

Dini: British position "quite extraordinary"

Few Italian reports suggested that peaceable middle-class spectators had been roughed up as well as hooligans. Police said well-behaved British fans had been kept inside the stadium after the match while the Italian fans were let out "in order to control the situation".

"It was all entirely predictable," *La Stampa* said. "It was predictable that large numbers of English hooligans would run riot in Rome. Yet no one did anything to prevent it. That is not the fault of our police: the British authorities, if they are so good at maintaining public order, must have known that flights for Rome were being boarded by well-known hard-core thugs, and should have stopped them. Since they did not, our police were right to use an iron fist to protect our streets. Hooliganism is not an Italian problem, it is a British problem."

The Italian media focused on injuries suffered by Alberto Mu, a 24-year-old married man from Ostia, who was set upon by hooligans when crossing Via Cavour in the centre of Rome before the match to buy cigarettes. He lost his left eye when they thrust a broken bottle into his face.

"They screamed 'Italy shit'," Signor Mu said from his hospital bed. "I said, 'No, Italy win' and made a victory sign. Then everything went black."

Blair will lead plan to defeat Cup thugs

By Nicholas Wood

TONY BLAIR is to take personal charge of efforts to prevent next year's World Cup finals in France being marred by the kind of crowd violence that disfigured England's match in Italy.

The Prime Minister's Downing Street policy unit is to review ways of stopping potential troublemakers from travelling to the finals, which start in June.

The Government is prepared to take tough action to prevent what ministers regard as a tiny minority of football hooligans from crossing the Channel and tarnishing the reputation of all English fans.

It is understood that the decision to call in the policy unit was taken at a meeting of senior ministers and officials yesterday. One option under review is confiscating the passports of the known troublemakers.

One senior official said: "The Government is not going to allow nutters to go out there and it will not shrink from taking tough decisions, even taking passports away if it stops a tiny minority giving the Italian police the excuse to knock about the 95 per cent of supporters who are decent and law-abiding."

The creation of a small central unit to supervise the security preparations for the World Cup finals is also on the agenda. Its membership would be drawn from the Foreign Office, the Home Office, the Department of Culture Media and Sport, and the Football Task Force headed by David Mellor.

England fans 'denied rights' in jail

From Richard Duce
in Rome

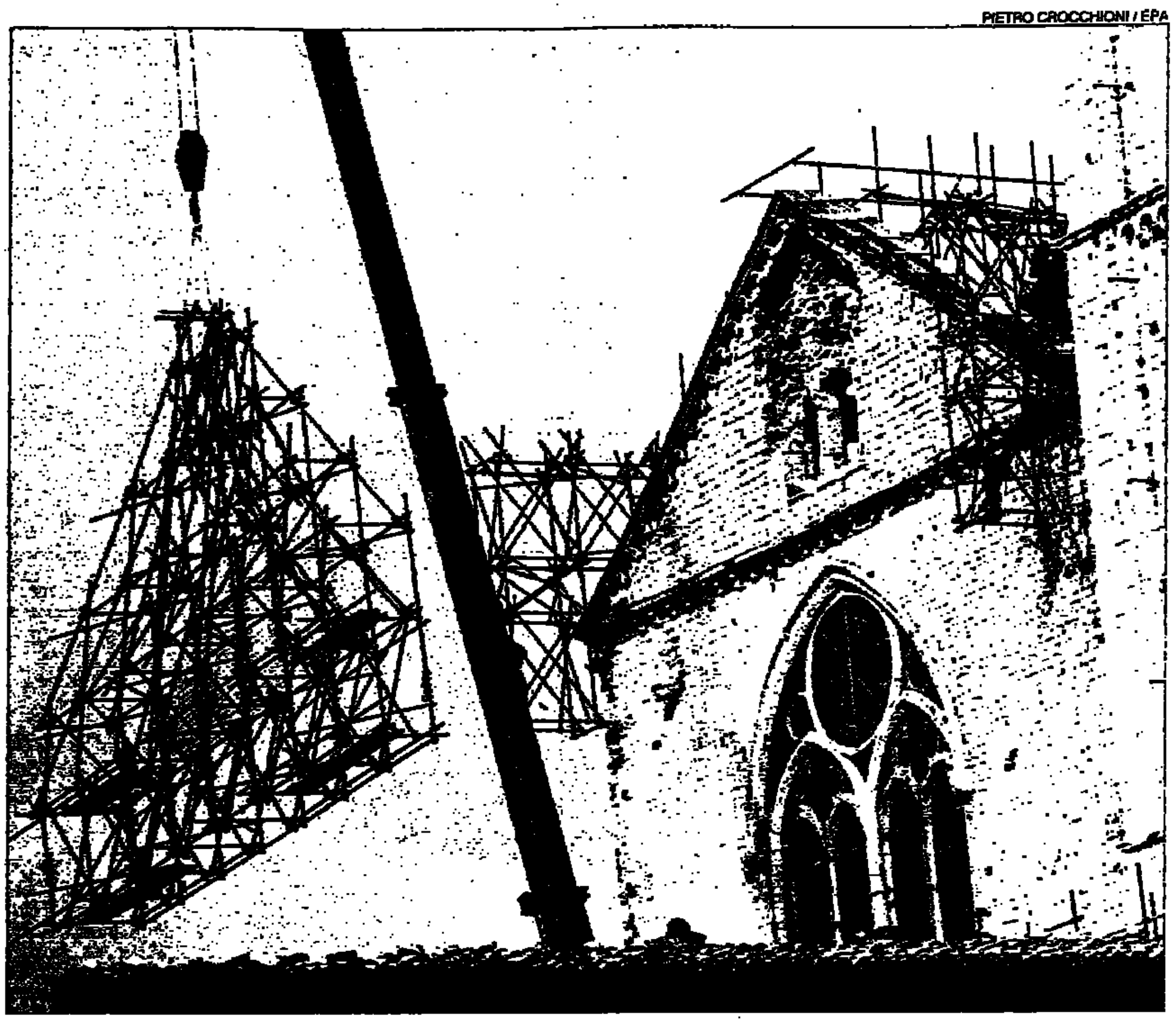
THE British Embassy in Rome was last night investigating a claim by three British football fans that they were denied their legal rights while held for two nights in a Rome jail on bogus charges on the day after England's World Cup match.

Chris Jackson, 30, a graphic designer, said that he was beaten by police after the three were arrested outside a city centre bar accused of fighting with police officers. They denied the charges but yesterday pleaded guilty after being told they could be held in custody for weeks before a trial. Under a "fast-track" system, the accused may admit charges against them in return for suspended jail sentences.

Mr Jackson from Brighton, and his boss, Mark Richens, 26, who owns a graphic design business near St Albans, and their colleague Paul Walker, 24, of Colwyn Bay, looked shaken and frightened in court. Mr Jackson urged British journalists to tell the embassy of their plight.

"When I arrived at the prison they refused to take me in because I was so badly beaten," he said. "They took me to hospital then police beat me again after the X-rays. We haven't been able to speak to the embassy and were not allowed to make a personal call." Also freed were seven supporters accused of aggravated brawling after a pre-match attack on an elderly man and his son on train. One was Paul Dodd, 26, who has 13 convictions for soccer violence and served 2½ years for a 1988 assault on Scottish fans. Last night he denied responsibility for the train attack but said he had been treated well in jail.

He had watched the match on television in his cell.



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A crane manoeuvres a metal support structure into place on the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi yesterday

Assisi engineers use metal cage to shore up damaged basilica

By Richard Owen

IN A daring operation, Italian engineers yesterday successfully placed a purpose-built metal cage over the crumbling tympanum on the roof of the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi, preventing it from crashing down into the great church and destroying medieval frescoes.

Another powerful tremor struck central Italy yesterday afternoon and was felt as far south as Rome. It caused no further damage at Assisi but brought down the clock tower on the medieval town hall at Foligno, a few miles away. The tower had been leaning perilously since the first earthquake nearly three weeks ago, and firemen had spent much of yesterday trying in vain to secure it.

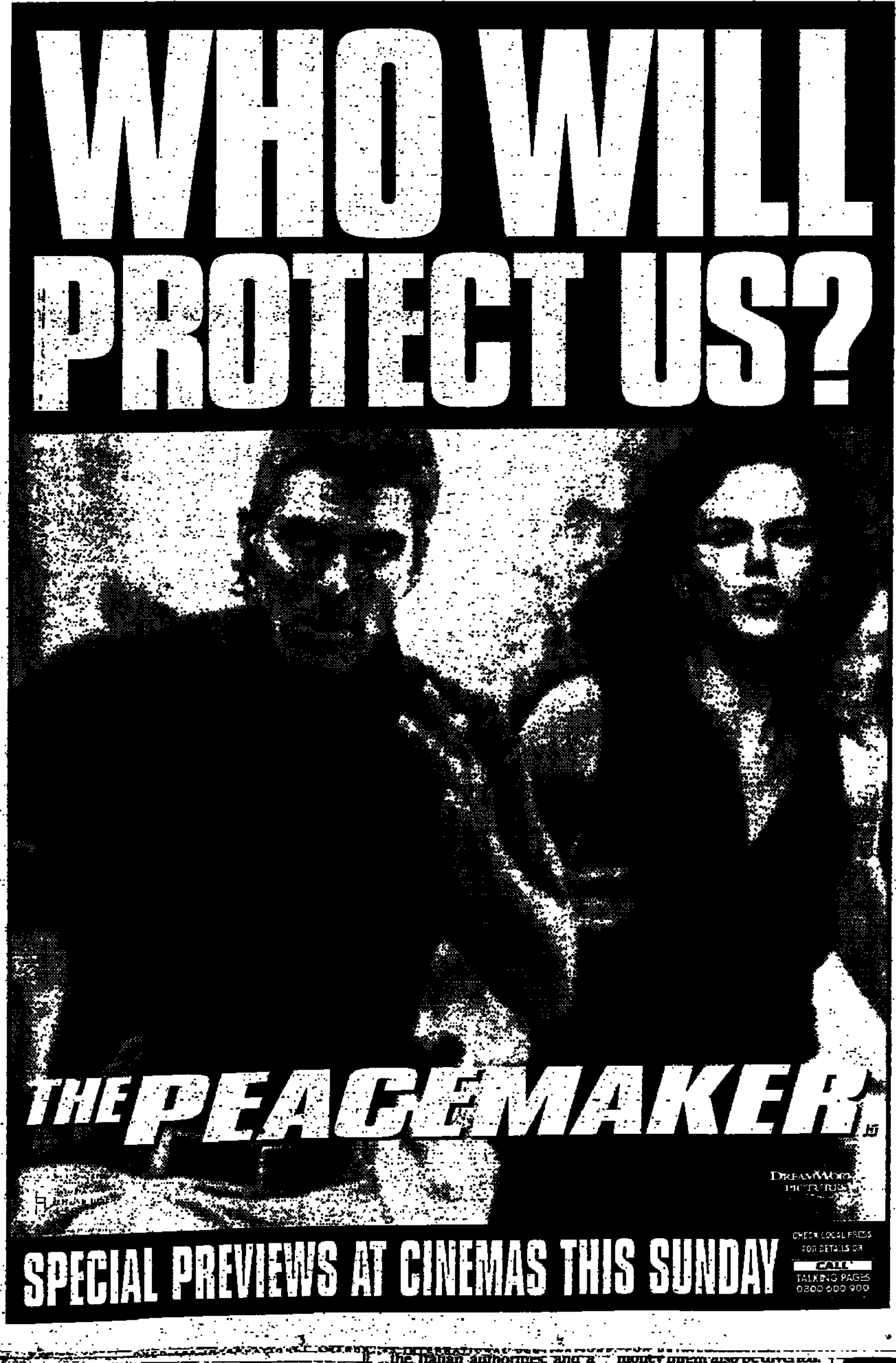
In Assisi, the tympanum, a recessed triangular pediment more than 100ft up on the side of the basilica, was badly damaged in the double earthquake which struck on September 26. It suffered further damage a week ago when another strong tremor struck Umbria. Officials in charge of the restoration operation feared that the tympanum, which weighs 70 tonnes, would topple through the roof, bringing down frescoes in the already damaged south transepts of both the upper and lower churches.

The works at risk include a series of frescoes by Pietro Lorenzetti, the Sienese painter, and Cimabue's great *Crucifixion* which, although badly faded and blackened, is considered one of the key masterpieces at the dawn of Western art.

"We all held our breath," said Professor Giorgio Croci, the engineer in charge. The three and a half tonne cage, constructed from steel scaffolding poles, was swung by a giant crane and secured to the basilica roof despite high winds. The half-hour operation was conducted in silence, and the relief as the cage fitted gently into place was palpable. Walter Veltroni, the Minister of Culture, who is visiting the earthquake zone, praised the operation as "very difficult and delicate". He said he was drawing up a report on damage to historic sites in the region, and appealed for a "mobilisation of international aid to help us restore our endangered religious and artistic heritage".

Restoration experts said that, with the Assisi tympanum secured, work could now begin on erecting scaffolding inside the basilica so that the frescoed ceiling, 10 per cent of which has collapsed, can be restored. Workmen will also inject cement into the wall of the transept to strengthen the structure.

But Antonio Paolucci, the former Minister of Culture, who has been put in charge of the basilica restoration, said he could not guarantee that the church could be reopened in time for millennium celebrations.



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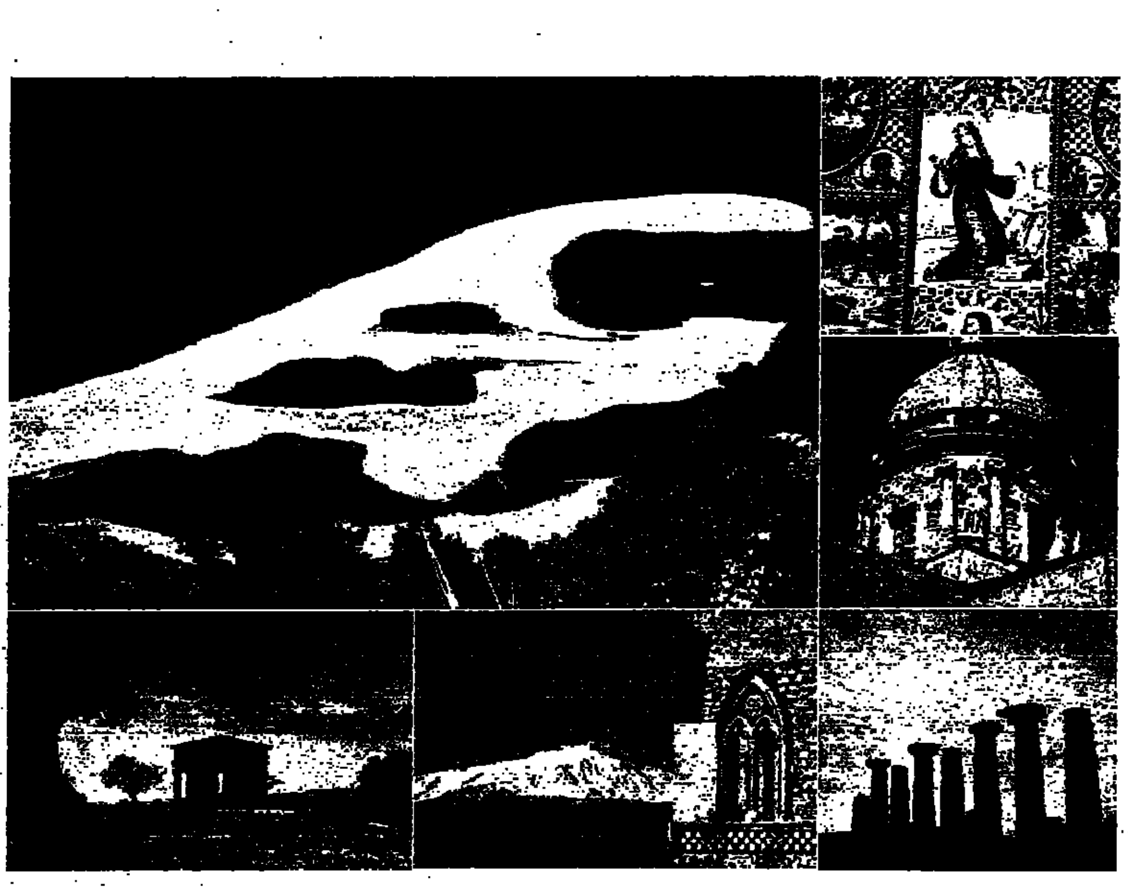

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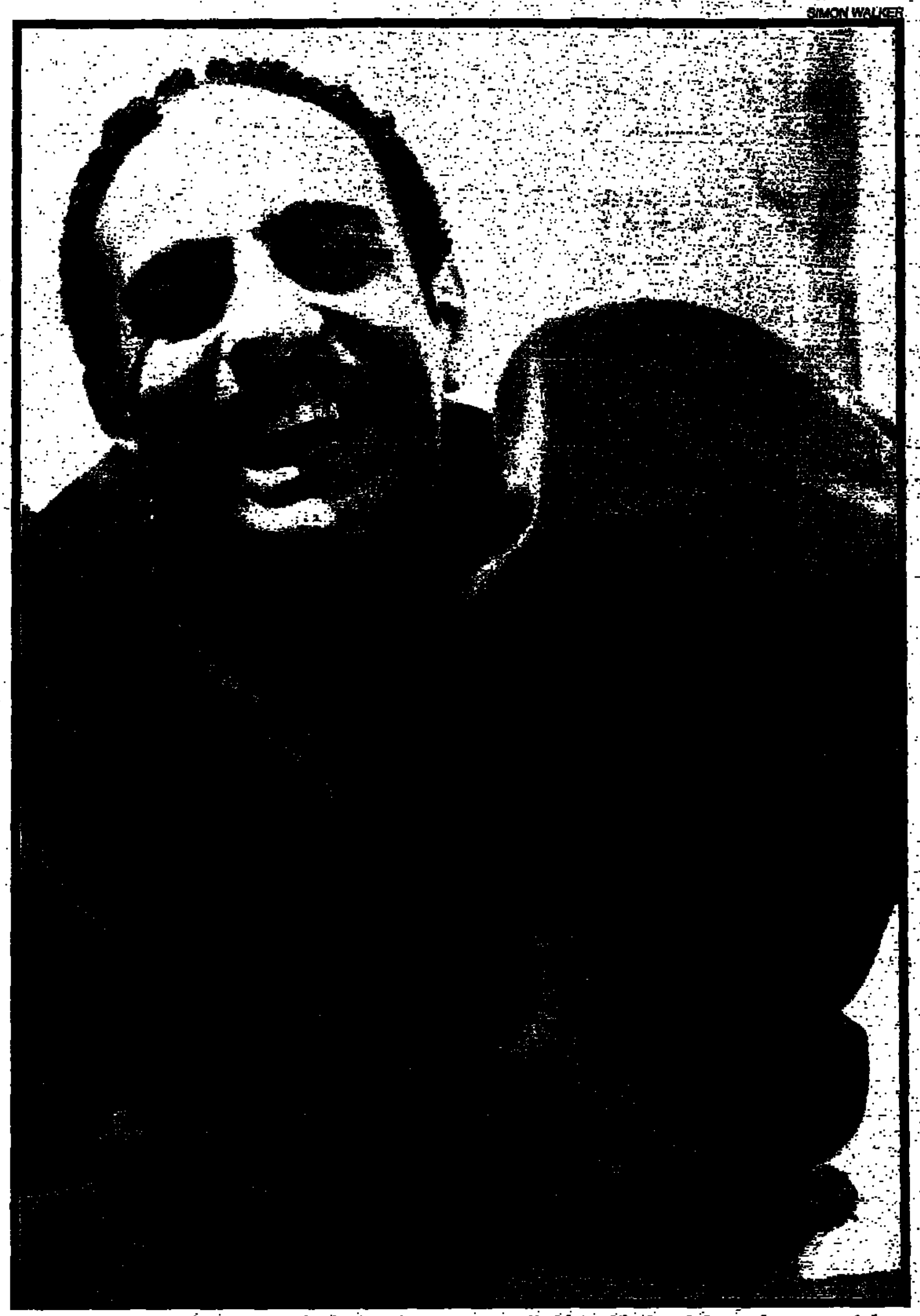
From Streatham to Dior

John Galliano, the former wild-child designer, has been transformed into the svelte head of a Paris couture house. **Grace Bradberry** reports


SIMON WALKER

Galliano's ready-to-wear show in Paris

John Galliano's self-destructive hedonism has been curtailed by critical acclaim and commercial success: his autumn-winter collection for Dior

At a cursory glance, he could have been just another of "the suits", those anonymous, but powerful, management figures who quietly take their seats at the catwalk shows of Christian Dior.

The sleek bob was just a little too short, however, and the immaculately cut dark suit just a little too Salvador Dali. This was John Galliano, the former wild-child designer, now shorn of his dreadlocks and transformed into the svelte head of a Paris couture house.

At one time he would have been surrounded by his models. Instead, he sat quietly behind the scenery in the Carrousel du Louvre, chatting to two of his staff.

Yesterday, as the luminaries of the fashion world sat on their little gilt chairs, arranged around a series of bourgeois tableaux — a grand piano, a rose-filled bath, a snooker table — they may have wondered if this was to be vintage Galliano. They may have asked themselves if it was to be that much celebrated thing, "a fashion moment". No one, however, will have questioned that Galliano should be there at all, the head of France's grandest design house — the first Briton to achieve such eminence this century.

Indeed, it now seems an inevitability that this 37-year-old son of a Streatham plumber, who will show his own-label collection tomorrow, should have ascended the glassy pyramid of Paris couture. Yet if Galliano's rise is the stuff of fashion students' fairytales, it certainly contains several passages straight from the pen of the Brothers Grimm. It is a tale of rags, to more rags, to yet more rags, before, finally, riches.

Juan Carlos Antonio Galliano was born in Gibraltar in 1960. When he was six, the family moved to South London. His father, Gibraltan-born Juan Carlos, taught him to hold a blow-torch; his mother, Spanish-born Anita, taught him flamenco on the kitchen table, and dressed him in extravagant fancy-dress.

After five unhappy years at grammar school where he was bullied, he went to City and East London College to study design and printed textiles, then on to study fashion design at St Martin's, where he was a star not only of the workrooms, but also of the Soho clubs that were the social centre of college life. To supplement his income, he worked as a dresser at the National Theatre, which helped to develop his innate theatricality.

Galliano is now seen as more of a creative than a commercial designer. Yet as a student he spent hours in the V&A searching not only for historical inspiration but also for the key to bias-cutting. He also did a work placement with the London tailor Tommy Nutter. His former tutor Sheridan Barnett remembers him as a workaholic and it was sheer grind, coupled with technical accomplishment, that made his graduation collection, Les Incroyables, such a triumph.

It was a fantastical collection, inspired by French revolutionary costumes, and included inside-out jackets and trailing buttons that in less accomplished hands might have appeared like incompetence. They sold out, with Diana Ross among the buyers. Galliano was just 23.

Galliano's spring collection

Les Incroyables was followed by a second collection, Afghanistan Repudiates Western Ideals. By the time he presented his third collection he had found two key people — a muse and a backer.

The muse was Amanda Grieve (now Lady Amanda Harlech). She was to remain a collaborator right up until Galliano joined Dior last year, but his backers were to come and go more rapidly. The first, Johan Brun, financed the first three commercial collections, beginning with The Ludic Game, upside-down, inside-out clothes that could be worn by men and women. This was followed by Fallen Angels, remembered not only for the clothes but also the styling. The models' foreheads were stamped with his logo, and as they were stepping out he drenched them with water so the white muslin dresses clung to them.

While audiences lapped up the fantasy, however, Galliano was embroiled in the reality of being broke. By July 1986, Brun had dropped out, and Galliano turned to the Danish tycoon Peder Bertelsen. In an effort to be commercial he started a younger line called Galliano's Girl.

Critically, he was highly acclaimed, winning the title of British Designer of the Year in 1987, but his clothes were not making money. In 1989 the relationship came to an end.

It is from this period that Galliano's reputation for self-destructive hedonism springs and he hit the club scene with a vengeance. By the late Eighties, his lifestyle was becoming increasingly hedonistic, as he sought to escape his frustration at his lack of commercial success.

Unable to see any way forward in London, Galliano telephoned Faycal Amor, the designer-owner of the French label Plein Sud, who said: "Come to Paris." Again, critical acclaim didn't bring commercial stability: the link with Amor was broken soon afterwards.

He missed one season, and drifted along with no backer until, four weeks before the next collections, he was invited to dinner with Anna Wintour, the Editor of American *Vogue*. Appalled by Galliano's situation — he could not even afford the price of a Metro ticket — she allowed André Leon Talley, then the magazine's creative director, to help Galliano, partly from the Condé Nast coffers.

Talley, a flamboyant, charismatic figure, had first come across Galliano in the Eighties. "He went around town with Jasper Conran and they dressed like Russian aristocratic children before the Revolution. They were outstanding, it was a vision."

By 1993, Galliano was at a lower ebb. "He was about to go under," says Talley. "He was left in Paris stranded, didn't have a place to live, he had no money to eat and we kept him going. It's one of the most important things I've done in my life." Sometimes Talley would go to McDonald's and buy 30 hamburgers and milkshakes to keep Galliano and his team going.

He also took Galliano to meet São Schlumberger, a Portuguese socialite who was to become his first couture customer. She was struck by his attire and his educated conversation. Talley, knowing that Schlumberger was in possession of an empty Paris mansion, the Hotel Particulier, asked if Galliano could show there and she agreed.

Wintour then flew Galliano to New York and, with just three weeks to go, John Bult, chairman of the American investment bank Paine Webber International, agreed to bankroll him. The fashion pack, clutching invitations in the form of rusty keys, were treated to just 17 black outfits, worn by 17 of the most beautiful women in the world, giving their services free.

Within weeks of the show at the Hotel Particulier, Galliano had found his own *atelier* in a cobbled street in the Bastille area and his full-time staff grew to seven.

His reputation continued to grow. The next collection included clothes inspired by Christian Dior. Then in March 1995 came the Winter Wonderland show. The clothes were technically brilliant but utterly unsuited to mass production. In short, it was a couture show.

In fact, by this stage Galliano's appointment as successor to Hubert de Givenchy was vitually a certainty. For more than a year before Givenchy's retirement in 1995, Galliano had been in secret negotiations with Bernard Arnault, head of the luxury conglomerate *LVMH*, who was determined to find a young, publicity-generating talent to revitalise the house.

Galliano's appointment came as a considerable shock to the Paris fashion world. Not since Charles Frederick Worth founded his couture house in Paris in 1857 had a Brit had such influence in the upper echelons of fashion.

The appointment was announced after de Givenchy's final show in July 1995. Not everyone thought it was wise. Valentino suggested that Galliano did not know "everything about how to make a dress". Versace said: "John is a genius — but he needs some control."

He moved into the Givenchy studio on November 24 with just 18 working days to put together his first haute couture collection. On his first day, he astonished staff by eating in the canteen. "Lentils and fish — and 60 pairs of eyes on me!" They were still more startled when he sent back garments six or seven times with the injunction: "Smaller! Tighter!"

The first show in January last year was a triumph, including extravagant taffeta ballgowns, orange Indian silks burnished with gold, and black wool tuxedo all-in-ones. Tina Turner, seated in the front row, placed an order.

Despite his success, few expected him to move to Dior so soon. But it now appears that the Givenchy job was a dress rehearsal for the grander house and the appointment was announced that October.

This year, on top of his two own label and four Dior collections, he has produced a mid-season range. Such is his workload that even expeditions to nightclubs have to be "timetabled" in. Once viewed as self-destructive, the designer no longer drinks and runs three times a week.

If Galliano has grown more professional, then his operations have also become more secretive. Despite his support, André Leon Talley has never been invited behind the scenes — an omission that hurts him. Lady Harlech, described by Galliano as recently as last year as his chief collaborator, found herself excluded from the Dior deal. She now works with Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel.

Men under the microscope

ARE men becoming more spiritual? A study at Nottingham University, in collaboration with Roy McCloughry from the Kingdom Trust, is trying to uncover whether the changing role of men has had an impact on their spiritual beliefs.

Professor Roger Murphy, Dean of the Faculty of Education, is leading the university's involvement in the study, called *Hearing Men's Voices*. Thirty interviews, each lasting between one and two hours, have been conducted by two researchers, Kaja Zeisler and Heidi Shewell-Cooper, with men from various backgrounds. Participants were asked to touch on a wide range of issues, including personal relationships.

Although it is too early to draw conclusions, the researchers say, one topic keeps cropping up. Men feel confused about their role in society, how this affects their relationships with women, and how it colours women's expectations of them. Most interviewees had opinions on this subject, and were conscious that women's expectations of men had altered over the generations.

Mr McCloughry, author of *Men and Masculinity: From Power to Love*, a book about the response of men to feminism, says that this shift is becoming more important, influencing men's mental and physical health, their expectations and their chances of employment. "From other work, I can say that, of course, the changing role of women does affect the way men live and see themselves," Mr McCloughry says.

"Now that women have joined the pool of people available for work, which is a good thing, some men have to cope with the prospect of unemployment against the stereotype of men as providers and protectors. This can induce distress and a sense of failure."

In households where both partners have careers, Mr McCloughry says, men have had to take on responsibilities traditionally shouldered by women, such as more active parenting. He says: "Sometimes men feel they have too many roles, and their personal space or sense of spirituality is squashed out."

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'I have turned being an outsider into a great asset'

Like sister Tanita, *This Life* star Ramon Tikaram has found fame. But the two do not speak.
Interview by **Moira Petty**

ROBIN MAYES

First as Ferdy, now as Judas: Ramon Tikaram has summoned up latent feelings of not being one of the pack

So convincing was Ramon Tikaram as Ferdy, the bisexual with the My Little Pony hairstyle in television's *This Life*, that he was soon knee-deep in offers to play Ferdy clones. Instead he has joined the West End cast of *Jesus Christ Superstar* as Judas.

"I like playing men in crisis, at the end of their nervous sensibility," he says. "The energy required is so outside of what I am in real life." Yet it isn't so far from his own experience, for he adds: "I have a natural affinity with outsiders."

The 31-year-old son of a Fijian father who joined the British Army and a Malaysian mother from the rainforests of Sarawak, in northwest Borneo, he grew up with an ingrained sense of being different. On the army base, and at his Dover boarding school for sons of military personnel, he suffered racial abuse.

> 'We walked around the set naked. I found the openness appealing'

Now, he says, it is useful to summon up those latent feelings of not being one of the pack. Both Judas, through his treachery, and Ferdy, because of his class and occupation (dispatch rider), stand apart from their communities. "I've turned being an outsider on its head," he says. "It's now a great asset."

This Life, an everyday tale of libidinous lawyers, was the surprise hit of the year. But while the cast became stars almost overnight, the BBC dithered, failing to renew contracts for a third series option when the deadline passed four months ago.

Inevitably, you think a bit of Ferdy might have rubbed off on him. You expect to be on the receiving end of one of Ferdy's scowls, or in the flightpath of a strand of waist-length hair being tossed over his shoulder. But the black cascade stays as firmly in check as his ego. He is better educated and better tempered than Ferdy and so laid-back that it takes several emissaries from the theatre, where he is due for rehearsals, to lure him away from his orange juice and cigarettes.

Nor is he the slightest bit interested in flame-haired handymen. He is thoroughly heterosexual and mentions his two young children early on to emphasise the point. His six-year-old daughter, Isalei (Fijian for My Island), and three-year-old son, Kisi (Kiss Me), are "the constants" in his life, despite the break-up of his marriage to Vanessa Lee, a theatre director, more than two years ago.

The separation was initially marked by "hostilities" but has thawed to the point where they can take the children shopping together. There has been no such reparation of the rift with his sister, and only sibling, the singer/songwriter Tanita Tikaram. She found fame soon after leaving school and now, at 28, is recording her seventh album in Los Angeles.

They were very close as children, but her brother says: "We haven't spoken for three years. It began with a disagreement about lifestyles, which are so inextricably linked to what we are. Our interests are similar [he fronts a Latin jazz band, Shorty, and has sung with Courtney Pine and Bob Geldof] but our approaches are different. I'm more superficial. She plans everything, I have only a general aim. I can see her point about my inherent laziness.

"At school I came top in everything and was also an exceptional sportsman. At university I was the only one on my course that year to get a first and I won the English prize.

"I used to write short stories and it was a shock when I left university and found that I couldn't go to a publishing house and get my work straight into print.

"Now I think Tanita and I have just got used to the silence between us. Things are going so well for me now, why add the complication of my sister to my life? When everything else is stripped away and we've set out to accomplish what we wanted to achieve, and when I'm more confident about who I am, then I'm sure we'll talk again."

As a boy, he was "sensitive and caring, almost paternal" with Tanita. In his daughter he detects "the same intellectual energy" she had as a child. But their relationship seems to have been underpinned by rivalry. Tikaram, basking then in the reflected glory of his own gifts, didn't spot his sister's. "She writes all her own songs, paints incredibly," he acknowledges. "I knew she was up to something after A levels but I had no idea what until she turned up on television."

Ramon and his sister, the singer Tanita Tikaram

Their Gauguinesque looks were also a source of contention. "Our mother, who is only in her forties, is very striking. I take after her. Tanita is more like my father. She thinks I'm better-looking than her."

Pigeonholed on the grounds of race and class, young Ramon Tikaram distanced himself mentally from the army bases on which the family lived. At 11, he was sent to a boarding school that catered for the sons of soldiers. (Officers' sons went to the likes of Eton or Harrow.) The day began with the boys marching into breakfast, hair tucked beneath berets. Most enlisted later. "A few teachers saw the misery of this destiny," he recalls. One encouraged him to join the National Youth Theatre, and to study English and drama at university.

Here he ran into trouble with rugby-playing ex-public schoolboys — "because I was s******* their women", he says in forthright *This Life* idiom. "Actually, there were a lot of women. I didn't realise women had feelings until I met Vanessa, who put me right."

He was in his third year at Kent, she the year below. The wedding that soon followed was not a legal ceremony but a Hawaiian blessing conducted by Vanessa's mother in their garden in Canterbury. They were together for six years.

The high points, literally and metaphorically, were the two births, when Tikaram helped himself to the gas and air on offer. "The leaves seemed very green outside and the rain sounded beautiful. I took to fatherhood straight away."

The end of the relationship was signalled by the loss of their shared sense of humour. "You could say it was as simple as not being in love any more. Now I don't think you can be in love for ever."

The children now live in North London with their mother. Tikaram plays father on Sundays, when the children visit him at the extremely tidy house in Camberwell, southeast London, he shares with Julian Symes, a Shorty band member.

"Inevitably, the children heard some of the rows but they seem well-adjusted and happy. Once I showed my daughter a book at the library about a mum and dad splitting up but I didn't realise that it showed the dad going off with another man. She looked at me very oddly."

Then there has been the children's interest in *This Life* to deal with. Tikaram switched over quickly during the risqué moments, which included the most graphic gay love scenes ever screened on terrestrial television. Although Ferdy's housemates watched him bring home a variety of sexual partners, he contends that the character was working his way towards full homosexuality. "Ferdy was quite seminal as far as men coming out is concerned. Ferdy was enjoying it and I probably was, too. I'm straight but very tactile. We walked around the set naked, which freaked some people out, but the openness was appealing."

Tikaram was surprised to find the series had "transported itself into mass consciousness. People just said it was real." He has not been subjected to homophobic remarks, and became a hero when he punched the irritating Miles, advising him to tell everyone "you were hit by a poof".

He has joined *Jesus Christ Superstar* for six months, attracted by the "epic heroism" of the piece and the "psychological darkness" of the new production. Past work includes playing Jai, an erotic sculptor in the current film release *Kama Sutra*.

Now he hopes for "big movie roles with matching price tags" so that he can afford a country home. "I'm sick of London!" he cries merrily. "I want to be cut off from everywhere."

● Jesus Christ Superstar *is at the Lyceum Theatre, Wellington Street, London WC2.*

School lessons + Legal aid + Air heads

No-hopers in the classroom

Nigella Lawson

TEACHERS enjoy something of the honorary status of women: they are either revered or abominated; hailed as the prime mover in a child's life and simultaneously reviled for their inadequacies. The difficulty is — and this is an argument I've often good-naturedly had with my colleague on *Critical Quarterly*, the brilliant educationist, Bethan Marshall — most teachers are bad teachers. This is not because teachers are a particularly low specimen of nature — though we'll come to that later — but because it is consistently true of all people from all walks of life.

Talent or genuine ability, certainly brilliance, are always, necessarily, rare: most people who do things, whatever those things happen to be, are not particularly good at them; but lack of flair in most cases needn't matter so very much. In teaching it does, though. Bethan Marshall insists that most teachers are not bad, but average. Semantically she is correct; but for all practical purposes they are one and the same thing.

A good teacher is a special teacher, the one above the average. Tony Blair well knows this, because he is using his old English teacher, Dr Eric Anderson, to head a television campaign to try to improve the "image" of teachers and teaching. Dr Anderson is evidently one of those teachers who can make a pupil want to learn — the only thing worth teaching — but then this is an easier proposition at Fettes School or Eton College, where his teaching posts have been.

Still, a good teacher is a good teacher anywhere. But what's hard now is that so few teachers at state schools can get on with teaching: most of the time they're having to act as social workers. And it doesn't surprise me that this puts off the most able and overcomes the least talented. The average inner-city school is no Malory Towers, even in its proposed and modernising television makeover.

But social difficulties and cultural anxieties aside, the real problem about teaching is that most people go into it because they can't think of anything better to do. In other words, most teachers are those graduates with the least imagination. I know money isn't everything, and it is particularly dispiriting when lack of ability is ignored in favour of a whine about lack of funding. But it has always seemed to me that the ease with which anyone can train to be a teacher (and now that there are so many vacancies on training courses, entrance procedure is hardly going to get more stringent), followed by the poorness of the pay once qualified, cannot but encourage the no-hopers. That a few talented, motivated, exceptionally able do-gooders are likewise welcomed, if grudgingly, is wonderful, but not enough.

Surely, if teacher training courses were made fantastically difficult, it would at least, after a while, confer some status on the profession. Those who got in would automatically gain kudos; now, they are almost derided, certainly pitied. Of course, teachers would have to get paid properly once they'd qualified. There's no getting around that, and I have never understood how those on the Right could seek to justify, intellectually, paying teachers poorly, when they more than anyone should realise that in a capitalist society pay is directly linked to value and status.

But the one thing teacher training colleges have to do is turn away those uninspired applicants who haven't the wit or enterprise to do anything else. Of course, that would probably mean getting rid of most of those who run the teacher training courses, but there you go.

All this, however, is the very opposite of what will happen: there aren't enough applicants for a huge number of teaching posts (mostly in science, maths and modern languages) and so, according to a report on yesterday's *Today* programme, you can now get into teacher training with the sort of qualifications that are hardly reflective of academic ability.

There may be something to say for this. After all, if you find learning easy, you may not have much understanding of what it must be like to find it gruellingly difficult. And yet, a good teacher has to be able to make the least academically inclined pupil wake up to the possibilities of the subject. In this respect, cleverness could be a handicap. But lack of cleverness doesn't necessarily bring with it greater intuition or inspiration-infusing powers: we have evident proof of that already.

Clutching at apron strings

A LAW student has managed to get legal aid in order to sue his mother for her refusal to pay for him to go to university. He lives with his father and hasn't apparently had much to do with his mother for the past five years. But it's not this so much which invites comment (or, if it does, we probably would not be thanked by the courts for commenting on it), but the fact that this male student has two sisters who, instead of whining, are working their way through university.

I don't wish to be sexist, but this hardly surprises me: I waitressed while I was at Oxford; it wouldn't have occurred to my parents that my brother should have to supplement his own grant. I say this not as a moan but, pitifully perhaps, as a boast.

Still, the fact that this law student is so well versed in the legal implications of his situation augurs well for his choice of career. Perhaps his mother should make a quick out-of-court settlement and finance him — against a percentage of his future earnings.

Another world

THE forces of reaction being what they are, it is inevitable that British Airways should be assaulted for changing its tail-decorating logo from the familiar Union Jack. But I am more concerned about another detail of its campaign: the irritating voice-over from the advertisement, which smugly advises that "the world is much closer than you think". This doesn't make any sense. Or do the copywriters come from another planet?

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Alan Coren

■ Farewell Cricklewood, I'm following in the slipstream of Martin Amis

Forgive me. I hate to be the bearer of double whammies but I have, this morning, no option: all I can pray is that you will somehow find the fortitude to bear what I bear to you. Provided, of course, that the first whammy has not already left you supine in some darkened room, gaunt and listless beneath your saline drip and waiting for a council carer to come in and massage your feet; in which event, you must not read one further word of this.

That first whammy — for those of you still standing, albeit still reeling — was borne by last weekend's *Sunday Times*, which, quite properly, gave over much of its front page to the shattering global news that Martin Amis was quitting the UK for New York, to escape media scrutiny and public preoccupation with his advances, his partner, and his teeth, to flee the new politics for which he so recently voted but with which he is now disappointed (he confesses himself nostalgic for Baroness Thatcher), to shed the "middle-class boredom" of Britain and — since "I have only got one big London book left to write — emigrate to where the history of the next century is already being written".

What an extraordinary and culturally devastating coincidence! For I, too, have been suffering those self-same torments and, having come to those self-same conclusions, am determined to leave Cricklewood for good. I only have one big Cricklewood column left to write — it will address man's eternal quest to discover why, four years ago, a Barnet council workman bothered to draw a red ring around the pothole outside my house, when it remains a pothole to this day — and, as soon as it is written, I shall be off.

I have had more than enough of media scrutiny (the *Ham & High* rings up every summer to ask which paperback I am taking on holiday) and as for the public's preoccupation with my advances, every time I bring a book out someone asks me what I got for it and then nods and says he'd always wondered why I was forced to do so much daytime television, doesn't your wife work? Whereupon, my having replied that she is a doctor, he immediately rolls his trousers up and asks her to have a look at his knee, so if Martin thinks society is obsessed with his partner, let me ask him how often the radiant Isabel has been required to feel a wonky patella during her soup course while simultaneously trying to avoid the eye of the woman opposite who has clearly been stitched up, every which way, by a dodgy plastic surgeon and now, alerted by the exposed joint, wants to know whom to sue?

As for my teeth, preoccupation with these is reaching hysteria. I have this year alone had six reminders from my dentist to come in for a check-up, each more threatening than the last. Any day now I expect to hear the unmistakable noise of a man towing a drill up a garden path, so the sooner I change addresses the better.

And yes, like Martin, I am disillusioned with new Tony. It's been weeks now, and nobody in Cricklewood seems better educated, healthier, richer or more caring. All that has happened is that The Cricklewood Arms, our only middle-class pub, has changed its name to The Ferret & Firkin, which seems, so far, to have done little to lift the boredom for which it has been a byword throughout the 25 years I have been going in, having a quick pint and going out again, without anyone looking up from the *Daily Mail* crossword. There used, mind, to be a fairly interesting greengrocer opposite, he had once played in goal for Cyprus, but his wife left him last year and he went back to Nicosia.

So I have concluded, like Martin, that enough is enough (and here I must apologise to the Editor, who was desperate to run the story as a front-page lead until I told him that, if he did, my only column idea was this pothole with a red ring around it) and it is time to pack my traps and quit Cricklewood.

I am going where the history of the next century is already being written. I have often sat in its shimmering gridlock, day and night, rapt with envy at the radiant hypermarkets and bustling fast-food outlets and teeming wine bars of the city that never sleeps. And I, too, am nostalgic for Lady Thatcher. I shall emigrate to Finchley.

The disunited States

A devolutionary tide is sweeping away Washington's power and dissolving social bonds, says US editor **Bronwen Maddox**

In just five months, the Washington gibe that Tony Blair is "Clinton-lite" has vanished. Now the insinuation is that the President has become "Blair-lite": fluent in radical rhetoric but, unlike the Labour leader, incapable of delivering on promises of reform.

In this week's tour of Latin America, Mr Clinton called for a united continent of the Americas, woven together with the webs of trade. He may yet get something like it, although Congress has so far deprived him of the negotiating authority which would give his pledge weight. It is at home that his call for unity — for "one America" — sounds hollow. He has made this the theme of his second term, but the real story of the Clinton presidency is the startling shift in power from Washington to the 50 states.

Some in the Administration see this "new federalism" as a fashion of the age, and Scotland and Wales as the latest to promenade its colours. But while the White House has collaborated in America's current exercise in devolution, it is near-powerless to affect the results, even when they threaten the nation's cohesion and competitiveness.

Throughout the summer, the President's crutches and plastered leg served as all-too-apt symbols of Washington's impotence. But with the torn cartilage healed, he is still paralysed. Like the crippled voyeur in Hitchcock's *Rear Window*, watching the lighted windows of the apartments opposite, the President is forced to watch the tableau of the states acting out their diverging dramas.

Indeed the US, so often Germanic in its instincts, is beginning to resemble Germany in its legislative paralysis at national level. The dangers of too much federalism were pointed out two weeks ago by the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, which offered Germany as a cautionary tale to other countries.

Real power in the US at the moment resides in the state Capitols. Each edifice is a mimic of the dome dominating Washington, but each is occupied by a governor, whether Democrat or Republican, who is able to pursue more radical policies than anyone in Washington.

In welfare reform, under new powers granted by last year's legislation, the governors are devising novel ways of shoehorning people into the workforce, notably by cutting off their benefits. In combating crime, California is famously experimenting with life sentences for three-times offenders, Louisiana with curfews and Alabama with chain gangs of prisoners. The ambition which America used to devote to Big Science — today's scheduled launch of the Saturn probe *Cassini* is one of the last of these flamboyant projects — is now deployed in Big Social Science.

This year, Massachusetts and California have even ventured into setting their own terms of trade, in deciding unilaterally to apply sanctions against US companies trading with Burma in response to its human rights violations. At first Washington politicians were tempted to treat this as a droll manoeuvre: to British eyes it has something of the air of *Passport to Pimlico*. But recently both parties have denounced "the Balkanisation of foreign policy".

> **States have even set their own terms of trade**

Of course, the passion for states' rights is hardly new; it springs straight from the US Constitution. That document famously reserves to the states, or to the people, all powers not explicitly given to the federal Government. Since the 1860s Civil War, when the South lost its battle to secede and to preserve slavery, the national Government has made few attempts to increase its sway. Most dramatic of these was Franklin Delano Roosevelt's 1930s New Deal, which gave the federal Government a bigger role in welfare, health and social security. The most recent bid was by the civil rights movement of the 1960s and 1970s; in sending federal troops to enforce desegregation, Washington said in effect that if the US is to be one nation, the principle of racial equality must be upheld from coast to coast.

Since then, the inclination of Republican Administrations has been to give the states their head. Presidents Nixon and Reagan made it their mission to "get big government" off the backs of ordinary people. So did Newt Gingrich, Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives, in his 1994 *Contract with America*.

To the astonishment and fury of many congressional Democrats, the trend has continued under Mr Clinton's presidency. He has been an agent in the erosion of his own power, most strikingly by signing last year's welfare reform Bill. The Supreme Court has helped; since the presidential election it has overturned some of Mr Clinton's favourite campaign pledges, such as curbing Internet pornography and gun sales.

Scenting the wind, states have moved to grab more power, making their own policy on the medical use of marijuana, late abortions, and affirmative action.

To outsiders, particularly new Labour's policy aficionados, the kaleidoscope is at least educational. The 50 states have become a giant laboratory, a testing-ground for every social or economic philosophy ever mooted in the side caucuses of British party conferences.

But to the US itself, the trend is potentially damaging. In subtle ways, the shift has handicapped America's ability to understand itself. If the federal Government embarked on any social reforms, it was obliged to compile detailed data on the results — before, during and afterwards. The states have no such obligation. The shift has also left the American press at sea. Wedded to vox populi — the folksy interviews with "real-life cases" which lead into every story — newspapers are floundering now that the particular is such a poor guide to the general.

Mr Clinton is right, too, to have sounded an alarm on the threat to social cohesion. The new federalism is predicated, at least in part, on the belief that the South has shed its bigotry and intolerance. But as Mr Clinton pointed out in a speech last month in his home town of Little Rock, Arkansas, many schools and neighbourhoods have effectively resegregated themselves since the 1970s.

Most serious, though, is the economic impact. In telecommunications and electricity, the US has become astoundingly stuck in trying to promote local competition. Repeatedly, federal government intentions have been stymied by state regulators or courts. It would be comic were these not industries whose unnecessarily high prices handicap every person and business in the country.

To those concerned about the effects of devolution 1990s-style, it may be some compensation that the trend may reverse. The dirty secret of new federalism is that while the shift in power is represented as the fruit of ideology, it is more powerfully fuelled by money.

the federal Government has run a headline-grabbing deficit; although shrinking, this stood at $111 billion last year. But states and local governments — thanks to $218 billion of federal subsidies — ran a $105 billion surplus. It is a rarely challenged law of politics that power shifts to the place with most money.

States' current bounty will not last. The level of federal subsidies was set during the 1991 recession and will soon ratchet down. Meanwhile, the states' costs will rise: a second hidden truth often overlooked by British political strategists keen on transatlantic comparisons is that welfare reform is costing local government a fortune in childcare and transport costs.

> **Mr Blair's reforms have the air of revolution**

That imminent financial rebalancing will reveal that the US has tackled the question of who should subsidise whom with as little directness as have Westminster and Scotland. It will show too, without doubt, that Americans are more attached to federal cash than it has suited the states-rights brigade to recognise. They are happy to pour scorn on Washington, until there is a flood in the Dakotas or a tornado in Arkansas.

But in the meantime, until financial forces puncture the ebullience of the governors, it is no wonder that Washington politicians look wistfully at Downing Street. The reforms of the Blair Government have the air of revolution, irresistible to any politician with half an eye on the history books. Ironically, given America's origins, it is a revolution which the US Government cannot hope to emulate.

Simon Jenkins is away

Not quite first past the post

Sir Robin Day on the best option for electoral reform

In June 1931, Winston Churchill delivered his celebrated condemnation of the Alternative Vote. A Bill to introduce this system of electoral reform was then going through the House of Commons. Churchill denounced it as "the stupidest, the least scientific and the most unreal" of all plans for electoral reform. The decision in many constituencies would, he gave warning, be made "by the most worthless votes given for the most worthless candidates". Churchill explained with withering scorn: "Imagine making the representation of great constituencies dependent on the second preferences of the hindmost candidates."

Leaving aside his eccentric grammar and enjoyable hyperbole, Churchill's argument is not without force. We may expect his words to be quoted again and again as powerful ammunition in the forthcoming battle about electoral reform. The Government has pledged that "an independent commission on voting systems will be appointed early to recommend a proportional alternative to the first-past-the-post system". The word proportional should not be too strictly interpreted. It should not preclude the commission (perhaps to be headed by Lord Jenkins of Hillhead) from deciding that the Alternative Vote (AV) is one of the voting systems to be examined.

To experts, AV is not proportional, but it is often defined in reference books as a form of proportional representation. And in common political parlance AV is used to mean a system of electoral reform which is similar to, but simpler than, PR.

The Alternative Vote is simplicity itself. It is preferential voting in single-member constituencies. Instead of marking X against one candidate on the ballot paper, you mark the candidates 1, 2, 3 and 4, depending on how many there are. The candidate with an absolute majority (over 50 per cent) of the first preferences wins outright. If no candidate gets over 50 per cent, the candidate at the bottom of the poll is eliminated. The bottom candidate's votes are then transferred to the other candidates according to the preferences marked. This simple process continues until one of the leading candidates gets over 50 per cent.

It is worth remembering that in 1931 the Alternative Vote nearly became law in the UK. The Commons passed the Bill but a general election intervened and the Bill never became an Act.

If AV is proposed by the Government, it will be fiercely opposed by those (such as the Liberal Democrats) who have long demanded the system of proportional representation known as the Single Transferable Vote (STV). Under STV, you are liable to have permanent coalition government. STV is the system in the Irish Republic. STV requires jumbo-sized, multi-member constituencies. It cannot be used for by-elections.

The AV system cannot be claimed to produce a proportional result nationally. But the case for AV is clear. It is simple. It does not involve an upheaval in our electoral process. It keeps the single-member seat, with the much-valued link between member and constituents irrespective of party. AV ensures that no MP can be elected on a minority vote. It would thus be fairer than first-past-the-post, under which many MPs can be elected even though more votes have been cast against them than for them.

STV achieves a more proportional result nationally, but AV is manifestly more fair in each of the individual constituencies on which our parliamentary system is based.

Nevertheless, AV could be made even simpler in three new ways which the forthcoming commission should consider. In the first place, the second preferences of eliminated candidates would count as only half-votes. Thus 2,940 second preferences would transfer as only 1,470 votes to the remaining candidates. A third preference would transfer as a third of a vote. Thus 760 third preferences would be transferred, when rounded down, as 253 votes. Likewise fourth preferences, if any, would count as quarter votes. Hence the weight of any preferences transferred from "worthless" bottom-of-the-poll candidates would be significantly reduced.

Secondly, not more than four preferences on any ballot paper, no matter how many candidates were standing, would be permitted. Finally, no preferences could be transferred if the candidate polled less than, for example, 3 per cent of the vote. This would not only simplify the whole AV process; it would also mean that fewer first preferences were thrown away on single-issue cranks.

These three important modifications would weaken the force of the Churchill argument. They would strengthen the case for AV. No voting system is perfect, but AV is surely the most reasonable and least unacceptable system of electoral reform for the House of Commons.

The commission will know, only too well, that innumerable commissions, conferences and inquiries have already ploughed this field. So let it report without delay, before the next century begins. The Government is committed to a referendum. Will the merits of different voting systems excite the popular interest or kindle the popular comprehension? We can only wonder, wait, and see.

If we are to have electoral reform, the case for AV, refined as suggested, seems overwhelming. The commission may agree. The Government may agree. But the people will decide.

DIARY

Pass over

AT LAST, a good news football story. The Archbishop of Canterbury shares a peculiar passion for Arsenal with the Chief Rabbi. The unlikely couple are planning a trip to Highbury, the club's North London ground.

The news is likely to alarm more traditional members of Dr Jonathan Sacks's flock who think he has done quite enough cosying up to the Christian establishment without cheering on the Gunners with Dr George Carey.

But in December this outbreak of inter-faith harmony could be driven offside. The duo have invited Cardinal Basil Hume, leader of British Roman Catholics, to a future match between Arsenal and Newcastle United. Problem: the Cardinal is a Newcastle man.

"Football has brought Dr Carey and myself together, and I was wondering if it would also work the same magic with Cardinal Hume," says the Chief Rabbi, who spent his formative years within a corner kick of Highbury. "I am just slightly worried that this fixture will ruin 50 years of good inter-faith relations."

As Voltaire could have warned them, a drubbing on the pitch can do terrible damage to one's religious faith. Sacks recalls a particularly dismal performance against Manchester United. "We went down 6-2, one of our worst home defeats ever. Dr Carey and I spoke about it and agreed that God is a Manchester supporter."

● *ROYAL types really are taking their cause to the people. Ex-King Constantine of Greece is considering appearing on a chat show. He will defend monarchy in a live grilling on CNN from two old rottweilers, David Frost and Larry King. If the King should receive a hard time from Mr King, he might hit back with a little on-air revelation: that Mr King, a man most proud of his appearance, visits a hairdresser daily.*

Who is more powerful, a drugs czar or a drugs baron?

Blood lines

Martin McGuinness: poet. In a rather macabre attempt to show a softer side, the hard man of Irish nationalism has taken to writing verse. James Joyce he is not. Entitled *Postcard*, a copy of his first effort has come my way.

The words "gloriously crimson" and "from Bloody Foreland" hit the eye; but here he is not talking of his day job, but of sunsets. He was inspired, if inspiration it be, by a fundraising trip to Manhattan. What next? The love poetry of the Rev Ian Paisley?

Slippery slope

HE likes his holidays, Tony Blair. After his Tuscan jaunt, our Labour Prime Minister has been considering an even more congenial winter break: a week skiing at Klosters, the Swiss resort favoured by the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of York.

Tony and Cherie Blair — neither of whom is thought to have skied as an adult — have discussed visiting the resort over new year with their three children. For playmates, the boys might stumble across Princes William and Harry, who learnt to ski before they could shake hands and are regulars. They were soundly beaten at football on the lawn at Chequers by the Blair boys and might welcome a chance to chuck snowballs at the novices as they tumble on the nursery slopes.

But Blair is worried that to be the first PM in living memory to go skiing he might be accused of elitism.

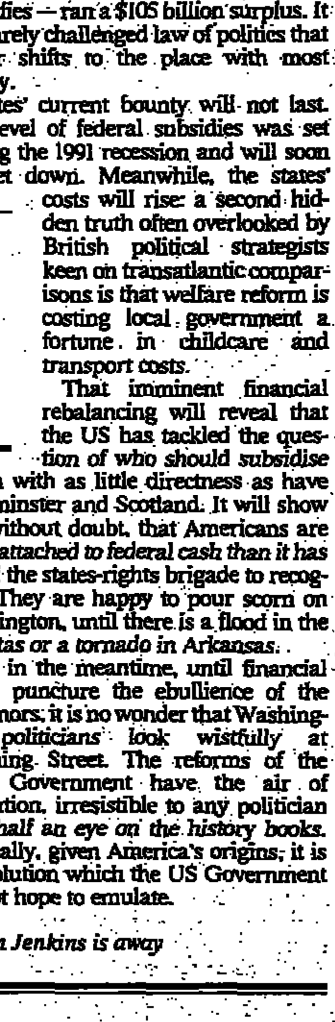
● *BEFORE we grow too exercised by the Booker Prize, a look at sales of the shortlist is instructive. Whitaker Booktrack, which monitors 2,000 high street bookshops, says that Arundhati Roy's* The God of Small Things *sold 892; Bernard Mac Laverty's* Grace Notes, *451; Jim Crace's* Quarantine, *247; Mick Jackson's* The Underground Man, *173; Tim Parks's* Europa, *378; and Madeleine St John's mad* The Essence of the Thing, *997. Oh, and Andrew Morton's sales in just one week? 41,042.*

Rosy David

DAVID BLUNKETT is to tell a church congregation how his formative years were "baptised with cidrous kisses behind the haycock". The startling disclosure will be made to a memorial service at St James's, Piccadilly, for Laurie Lee, that masterful depicter of rural childhoods.

"Blunkett will be talking about *Cider with Rosie* and how the book reflects his own schooldays, his identity with the school and his mistress," said Jock Gallagher, an old friend of Lee's.

Christopher Fry, the nonagenarian bard, has written a poem for the occasion. The last verse reads: "And when the pilgrimage is made/ The shadow meeting with the shade,/ The graver music will purling still/ By Painswick stream and Birdlip Hill."



Thérèse Lawson: profit

● *A MODERN law: as the waistline contracts, the bank balance expands. After Lord Lawson of Blaby made a packet detailing his transformation from whale to shrimp, his wife, Thérèse, is publishing the recipes that shrunk the former Chancellor of the Exchequer from 16 to 12 stone. Entitled* Middle Aged Spreads, *it is intended as a practical sequel to* The Nigel Lawson Diet Book, *which warbled on about the merits of starvation. Her agent, Michael Sissons, smells profit. "If sales of Nigel's book are anything to go by, we're on to something good," he says. "Sainsbury's is very excited — she's already started contributing to its magazine." Oh dear.*

JASPER GERARD

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BLAIR'S RUSSIAN FRONT

A guide to the rumblings from supporters of EMU

Will he, won't he, will he, won't he, will he join the single currency? The reports that have been popping up in various newspapers recently have an *Alice in Wonderland* air to them. Their pro-EMU progenitors perhaps hope that their appearance will in itself make their truth more likely: that the more the markets and our European partners anticipate Britain's entry into EMU, the harder it will be for the Prime Minister to resist the "inevitable".

Some commentators have interpreted this as an attempt by Gordon Brown himself to bounce Tony Blair into joining the single currency. The Chancellor is thought to be keener than the Prime Minister on Britain's entry and, as the decision date nears, his enthusiasm seems to be waxing rather than waning. But it seems as near certain as anything can be in the spin-doctor's world that Mr Brown is not the man behind the leaks. They emanate from other pro-EMU ministers, who will have no real influence on the decision.

Mr Brown may be in favour, even though his long list of economic conditions for entry is far from being met. But Mr Blair is nothing if not a political Prime Minister. He may be enticed, as were some Tories, by the argument that Britain cannot "lead" in Europe if it remains outside EMU. But he may not lead for much longer in Britain if he fails to persuade a reluctant country to join. The personal stakes are huge; and joining EMU represents an enormous risk for a far-from-guaranteed reward.

Mr Blair cannot be sure, even if Britain does join, that it can in any sense win leadership of Europe. France and Germany's decision to set up a triumvirate with Russia was a sign, if any were needed, of the enduring strength of the Franco-German axis. No postwar British politician has managed to sunder that relationship, though many have tried.

Nor can Mr Blair be sure of winning a referendum on EMU, either now or nearer the next election. If he could only scrape the Welsh devolution vote by 0.6 per cent at a time when his esteem was as high as it will ever be, how will he persuade the British to back the single currency when his popularity is likely to be lower and when, unlike Welsh devolution, there is a clear majority against it?

Even if he were to win, the Prime Minister must be contemplating the political problems of joining. The uniform interest rate for the euro would be likely to exacerbate recessions, bringing high unemployment, and to exaggerate booms, leading to uncomfortable inflationary pressures. For instance, if Britain were to join while its growth was higher than those of its partners, it would have to make do with lower interest rates than its economy demands. So, to curb inflation, Mr Blair would find himself forced to raise taxes and cut public spending — not actions likely to enhance his domestic political position. Nor would the electorate thank him for higher-than-necessary unemployment in a downturn because Britain was unable to cut interest rates.

Moreover, the likelihood of Labour winning a referendum on EMU has been much reduced by events in Blackpool last week. Some Labour ministers had seen a referendum as a useful device to split the Tories. But at their party conference, Conservatives showed an unexpected willingness to unite behind William Hague's leadership. The pro-Europeans on the Left of the party have been kept in line by his promises of greater tolerance and compassion: they can no longer use a "lurch to the Right" as an alibi for splitting away or supporting Labour. And, now that Mr Hague has accepted that joining the ERM was a mistake and has apologised for it, he can use the strongest argument against the single currency: that it will be like the ERM only worse, because extrication will be almost impossible.

Mr Blair may think that his big majority makes him impregnable. When politicians feel insulated from public opinion, they often make their biggest errors. An attempt to join the single currency could be Mr Blair's Russian front, the single act of historical miscalculation, misguided ambition and overreach that jeopardises his entire career.

BECKENHAM BECKONS

Merchant's misfortune must be Portillo's opportunity

A strange story has reached a bizarre conclusion. Piers Merchant's decision to resign his seat in the House of Commons seems to make little sense to the outside observer. He clung on to his constituency despite immense pressure for his sacrifice from Conservative Central Office during the general election. He retained Beckenham and, by the standards of the great Labour landslide, kept a comfortable majority. The swing against him was not exceptional. Despite all that, six months later, he is out.

Politics is not a sentimental profession. One man's misfortune represents another's opportunity. A staunchly Conservative seat has become available rather earlier than might have been expected. That the circumstances are so odd does not alter the fact that the selectors of the Beckenham Conservative Association and the electors of that constituency now have the chance to exercise an unusual influence on British politics. This can be achieved if they return Michael Portillo to Westminster.

Mr Portillo has not shown that much enthusiasm so far for a swift return to the political arena. He has been at pains to note the powerful swing against him in his Enfield Southgate seat. But Labour's performance in his patch was not atypical of its astonishing achievement across a swath of North London constituencies. He has sought seriously to analyse and sincerely to respect the views of those who chose to oust him.

Mr Portillo has also been influenced by two practical factors. As a thoughtful politician, he has not wanted to impose himself on other Tories without being certain that he had arguments of merit and originality to deploy. To that extent he has spent the past six months contemplating his own approach to the main issues that face his party and the country. He has also been aware that his return to active politics would inevitably lead to speculation that he would be seen as a rival to William Hague. He has done his utmost to smother that notion.

Mr Portillo's brave and electrifying speech on the fringe of the Conservative Party conference should have done much to allay his own concerns. That address confirmed his towering authority among Tories — and also beyond them — but was also accurately interpreted as exceptionally helpful to Mr Hague. It may in time prove to be the most significant speech offered by a Conservative in Opposition since Sir Keith Joseph's embrace of monetarism some 23 years ago.

In this light, his renewed presence in the House of Commons would be rightly seen as an immense asset for the new Conservative leadership. The Shadow Cabinet is not, to put it kindly, awash with exciting figures at the moment. British politics does not have such a surplus of charismatic individuals that it can afford to keep men of Mr Portillo's standing on the sidelines. He probably feels that it is still too early for him to resume a career in Parliament. That is an extremely honourable position. Nonetheless, as Adlai Stevenson once said, chivalry is for the knights, the contest is for the politicians.

ARTISTIC LICENCE

Museums should both borrowers and lenders be

Bleak House has come to the Clyde. A wrangle over a will as complex as the legal dispute in Dickens's novel has divided Glasgow's burghers and is fascinating the wider art world. Julian Spalding, the imaginative and populist Director of Glasgow's Museums, is attempting to override the last wishes of one of the city's most generous benefactors. The shipping magnate, Sir William Burrell, left his magnificent art collection to Glasgow on condition that its contents were never transported overseas, but Mr Spalding believes that the passage of time has rendered Sir William's fears redundant. He wants to lend items from the Burrell Collection to other galleries in order that Sir William's works enjoy a wider audience and Glasgow's citizens might, in turn, enjoy reciprocal loans. In an echo of *Jarndyce v Jarndyce*, Mr Spalding is opposed by those closest to him, his own trustees. Their respect for Sir William's wishes shows admirable piety but they should not elevate the fears of one Glaswegian, however great, over the benefits to art lovers everywhere.

Yesterday the parliamentary commission which will decide the matter heard from the Director of the National Gallery, Neil MacGregor. He declinined to take sides, but marshalled powerful arguments for Mr Spalding. Mr MacGregor pointed out that the lending and borrowing anticipated by Mr Spalding has, in other instances, "increased public attendance, both through the local population's visiting the temporary exhibition at the borrowing museum and through increased exposure for the lending collection further afield".

Sir William's fears about the dangers of transporting his works by sea are torpedoed by Mr MacGregor, who claims that he is aware of "no risk differential between domestic and overseas lending". Even were there to be a risk, Mr Spalding should be within his rights to disregard it. As Mr MacGregor pointed out, under Section 5(3) of the 1992 Museums and Galleries Act, a trust's provisions on lending from a national gallery can be overridden after 50 years. If Liverpool's art galleries can be considered national, and they have, can those of the Empire's Second City be denied that dignity?

Mr Spalding's opponents fear that the flouting of Sir William's wishes may make it more difficult to tempt benefactors to leave their collections to British museums in the future. Patrons, they believe, may be inclined to bequeath their treasures to foreign jurisdictions where their wishes will be respected in perpetuity. If these fears are justified then that is a matter for Parliament, not Mr Spalding, who is acting, as the law allows, in Glasgow's best interests. In practice, however, it would be a remarkably eccentric benefactor who allowed his prejudice against a potential temporary loan to overcome the feelings which would prompt him to leave a memorial in the city to which he was sentimentally attached.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Party politics and the choice of JPs

From the Lord Chancellor

Sir, You report today that I was criticised by Mrs Anne Fuller, Chairman of the Magistrates' Association, for what I said in my address to the association about the politics of magistrates. In fact, we are at one: the politics of professional judges and lay magistrates, alike, play no part in their judicial decisions.

In my address I spoke about something entirely different: the need to achieve political and social balance on benches. The political beliefs of candidates for the magistracy are irrelevant in deciding their suitability for appointment. Suitability is the overriding criterion. Advisory committees on the appointment of JPs have to recommend suitable candidates who will help create benches *broadly reflecting the communities* they serve in terms of gender, ethnic origin, occupation, geographical location and political persuasion. No candidate who is unsuitable would ever be appointed so as to improve political balance.

Broadly speaking, gender balance is good throughout the country, at about 50/50. Ethnic minorities, too, are generally fairly represented at 6 to 7 per cent of new appointments. It is political and social balance that is not realised in practice. There should be a proper balance of suitable people who support the main political parties, as well as those who are politically uncommitted. Benches of magistrates should be microcosms of their communities.

The need for a political balance was prescribed by two royal commissions, in 1910 and 1948. That policy has been pursued by both Conservative and Labour Lord Chancellors ever since. It was also endorsed by the Council of the Magistrates' Association in 1995. All that was new in what I said to the Magistrates' Association was my determination to bring practice into line with long-standing policy.

I am determined to achieve a social and political balance. I raised the upper age limit for appointment from 55 to 65 to provide a larger pool of suitable candidates to take particular advantage of those in that group who have taken early retirement. For the time being I have also suspended the requirement that benches should be balanced in terms of age. I have also commissioned the Central Office of Information to undertake research to advise how recruitment initiatives could be better targeted to reach the whole of society.

Service as a magistrate is a major opportunity and civic duty. The steps I am taking are designed to ensure that all people throughout society have a real opportunity to participate.

Yours sincerely,
IRVINE of LAIRG,
House of Lords.
October 13.

Local justice

From Mr Michael J. Pengelly, JP

Sir, The closing of courthouses deplored by Mr Alan Baldwin (letter, October 10) is becoming commonplace in the shires. Dorset has proposals before it to close a further four courts in the county over the next five years. Magistrates' courts committees all over the country are having to face up to the challenge of diminishing government funding. In brief, they are strapped for cash, through no fault of their own.

Our judicial system has long prided itself on local justice for local people. It has proved itself to be an effective and convenient method for all court users, not just for defendants and magistrates. Distant courts will inevitably lead to a further increase in the number of adjournments and delays, diverting valuable resources, such as the police, away from their main tasks. If such inconvenience was to be matched by better justice, that might be another matter.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL J. PENGELLY,
Gorwell Farm,
Abbotsbury, Weymouth, Dorset.
October 11.

From the Chairman of the Hong Kong Magistrates' Association

Sir, The Hong Kong model addresses some of the issues raised by your correspondents on October 10.

In this jurisdiction unqualified magistrates deal with a huge number of regulatory and traffic cases, enabling the legally qualified magistrates (the equivalent of stipendiaries) to deal with criminal cases where sentences of up to two years' imprisonment may be appropriate. It is estimated that between 30 and 40 per cent of trials in magistrates' courts here would be Crown Court trials in England and Wales.

Those with experience of both systems cannot understand the logic in the jurisdiction of stipendiaries being the same as a lay bench. Enlarging it would properly reflect the stipendiaries' training and experience and enhance the reputation of the magistracy generally; it would also reduce the burden on the Crown Court, keep more (and more serious) cases at the local level and, ultimately, represent better value for money.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL KELLY, Chairman,
Hong Kong Magistrates' Association,
Eastern Law Courts,
Sai Wan Ho, Hong Kong.
October 13.

Computer literacy in the classroom

From the Vice-Chairman of the Campaign for Real Education

Sir, To the delight of the information technology industry, including its king Mr Bill Gates, Mr Blair is to commit £100 million of public money to updating forever obsolescent school computer equipment. "A fine ambition", you say (leading article, October 8; report, same day). Is it?

There may be a case for familiarising pupils with computers before they leave school. However, Britain's competitiveness in educational achievement — where it is deficient — is in inverse proportion to its competitiveness in computerised schooling — where it is already unrivalled.

Mr Todd Oppenheimer, writing recently on "the computer delusion" in *Atlantic Monthly*, tells us that evidence from the computerised classrooms of the United States suggests that "reliance on a machine ... too often dumbs down children's thinking rather than expanding it".

This finding is paralleled by international studies which place British children low in mathematical achievement but high in calculator use, suggesting that children who work out sums on calculators have difficulty calculating with their brains.

All this suggests that £100 million is to be spent on a political gimmick. Does Mr Blair want British children to come top for educational achievement, or top for computer use? Pull back, Mr Blair, before it's too late.

Yours truly,
KATIE IVENS, Vice-Chairman,
Campaign for Real Education,
18 Westlands Grove,
Stockton Lane, York.
October 10.

From Mr J. E. F. Clarke

Sir, In your leader today you state: "Already British children are among the most computer literate in the world."

Hmm, here's to the time when you can state with equal confidence that they are also among the most literate and indeed, in the broadest sense, most numerate.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES CLARKE,
18 Oakbank,
Guildford Road, Woking, Surrey.
October 8.

EU plan to lower drink-drive limit

From Dr Peter B. Baker

Sir, In the debate on whether to change blood alcohol limit in the UK and other EU member states (report, October 9) it is important both to retain sight of the objective of any change and to recognise the growing body of evidence which suggests there may be two populations of drivers who drink and drive.

The available evidence that the current limit is set too high and that drivers' ability is reduced very significantly at a lower level appears irrefutable. Evidence that the proposed new limit suggested by Mr Neil Kinnock (50mg per 100ml of blood — not per litre as you report) still doubles the risk of an accident suggests that this latter level is still too high.

A lower limit (wherever it may be set) will undoubtedly result in more positive tests and convictions; but it may not entirely meet the objective of any change. Recent work by Jones and Andersson (*Journal of Forensic Sciences*, June 1996) provides reasonable evidence, based on a Swedish study, that heavy drinkers and alcoholics are over-represented among those apprehended for driving whilst under the influence. Thus, whilst a lower limit may catch more so-called social drinkers (and hopefully discourage them from drinking and driving completely), this may not result in those who habitually drink and drive ceasing to do so.

It may be that at the same time as the limit is revised (as it should be), the consequences for those apprehended either for a second time or with levels far in excess of the legal limit should be examined and made more punitive.

Yours faithfully,
PETER B. BAKER,
9 Kenilworth Road, Ealing, W5.
October 10.

From Mr Hugh Johnson

Sir, Neil Kinnock, who failed so convincingly in his attempt to lead the country from within, now returns with all the confidence of a Brussels functionary. Preposterously, he linked the drunk/drugged state of the Paris Ritz security man with our domestic daily life.

Lowering the blood-alcohol limit in rural areas would do very little to save lives, but a great deal to impoverish them.

Wasn't Kinnock supposed to be deregulating European air transport? When we can circulate round Europe as cheaply as Americans around the US he will have earned a serious audience. Not before.

Yours etc,
HUGH JOHNSON,
Saling Hall, Great Saling, Essex.
October 13.

DNA profiles

From Dr R. W. K. Reeves

Sir, Today's letter from Drs M. S. Humphreys and B. J. Brockman, both psychiatrists, surprised me. They object to their hospital in-patients who have committed certain offences being profiled for DNA.

Do they not have former patients who have committed serious offences who deeply resent police coming to interview them whenever a similar crime is repeated locally? These patients may still be under supervision by virtue of the original court order but have long since recovered. The police have to do their job but the patients feel stigmatised and wonder if they will ever be able to put the past behind them.

How useful, therefore, to have their profiles on record and thus be eliminated as suspects without the police coming round to their homes. A simple explanation by the hospital staff will surely convince patients that testing is in their own interests. It should be welcomed.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT REEVES
(Consultant forensic psychiatrist),
10 Harley Street, W1.
October 7.

Snap judgment

From Mr D. B. Gurrey

Sir, Dr T. Varagunam (letter, October 10) maintains that "one who truly loves and honours the spouse cannot but help obey".

But what happens when two spouses argue about who is to do the washing-up? Is it a case of a sort of matrimonial game of "snap", whereby the one who gets his/her bid in first (the moment the final pudding-spoon is laid down perhaps) can demand obedience from the other?

Yours faithfully,
D. B. GURREY,
Cwm Farm,
Forden, Welshpool, Powys.

Horses for courses

From Mr Christopher Nutt

Sir, Today your Sport section has articles on rugby by Hands, on horses by Barnes and, best of all, "Groins add to the strain" by Truss.

Is this some employment policy? If so, I am glad not to be assignable by you, as I remain

Your obedient servant,
C. Y. NUTT,
54 Rosebank, Holyport Road, SW6.
October 11.

NHS funding

From the President of the Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association

Sir, Your report today that extra money is to be found for the NHS to alleviate the impending winter crisis in the hospital services is to be welcomed.

Most hospitals have closed wards and taken beds out of service in recent years. To reopen these wards and beds needs staff, both nursing and medical. It is currently difficult to recruit staff to the recognised establishment levels; to offer short-term contracts for a few months with little or no security of employment is therefore unlikely to succeed.

The Government needs to make a firm financial commitment to NHS hospital services that once these facilities are reopened the necessary funding will be found on an annual basis to keep them open.

Yours faithfully,
R. LOVEDAY,
President,
Hospital Consultants and
Specialists Association,
1 Kingsclere Road,
Overton, Basingstoke, Hampshire.
October 13.

Solti and Bartok

From Lord Birkett

Sir, "Who was the greatest conductor?" — even if confined to Hungarians (Mr Peter Timar's letter, October 8) — is at the best a pointless party game, since there can be no correct answer. And it is surely unlikely that the Hungarian Ambassador, in talking of Solti and Bartok, meant to call in question the relative importance of composers and conductors. If he had, the shade of Solti (his brand-new autobiography in his hand) would have descended to protest that interpreters are only the servants of composers.

I imagine the ambassador was thinking of national pride — which he has some cause to do, since Hungary can boast an amazingly long line of great composers, conductors and musicians of all sorts.

The only important point is that the decision about a final resting place, even in the case of a very great conductor, must rest with his own stated wishes and with his family.

Yours sincerely,
BIRKETT,
House of Lords.

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Abortion's taboos and hard choices

From Mrs Penny Seabrook

Sir, Whilst I share Debbie Beckerman's wish to shatter the taboos associated with abortion (article, October 13), I found her assessment of her predicament and her stated reasons for opting for abortion rather utilitarian.

The latter seem reasonable enough on practical grounds, but omit any consideration of the sacredness and mystery of life; nor was any ground conceded to the power of love which, as many parents of children conceived "accidentally" can testify, has an uncanny ability to strengthen in adversity. "Equilibrium", moreover, whilst a much valued aspect of family life, is not a static concept and needs to be constantly adjusted as new challenges present themselves.

As Debbie noted, the decision to go ahead with a pregnancy or not should be essentially a private one but one that should not preclude a great deal of soul-searching vis-à-vis the life of the unborn child. Sacrifice of career, the need to re-evaluate family life and to accept a period of difficulty are a small price to pay for the joy of welcoming another, quite unique child into the world.

Yours faithfully,
PENNY SEABROOK,
121 Home Park Road, SW19.
October 13.

From Dr Nicholas Hallam

Sir, While applauding the courage of Debbie Beckerman in writing her article, I find her argument unconvincing. She writes "My overriding concern ... was with the pregnancy itself and the baby's possible welfare" and "I simply could not face the prospect ... above all, of risking the health of the child". And with this reasoning the baby was then aborted.

True, her existing two children had been born prematurely and one had required a long stay in special care and Mrs Beckerman feared a similar outcome for this pregnancy; but apparently those fears would have been bearable if the pregnancy had been planned.

She says also "Abortion is a private and painful decision and no one should have to talk about it". One instinctively sympathises with this but, in a climate of liberal abortion practice when women effectively choose what to do and doctors who protest are often ignored, it does raise one question. Who *is* accountable for the life of the unborn child?

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS HALLAM
(Hospital consultant),
11 Ravelrig Park,
Balerno, Edinburgh 14.
October 13.

Gaffes of today

From Mr Toby Jessel

Sir, The last two decades have seen a great flowering of political, cultural, family and economic links between Britain and India — to be crystallised in the Queen's current goodwill visit to mark India's golden jubilee.

As you suggest today (leading article, "Cooking up a storm"), it would be a pity if any of this were to be put at risk by Robin Cook.

What is now needed is for Robin Cook publicly to recognise, and to understand, India's position and sensitivities over Kashmir. Perhaps, too, it would help if opinion-formers in India did not make quite so much of a meal of one gaffe by a new, inexperienced and tactless minister.

Yours sincerely,
TOBY JESSEL
(Chairman, Indo-British
Parliamentary Group, 1991-97),
The Old Court House,
Hampton Court,
East Molesey, Surrey.
October 14.

Gaffes of yesterday

From Colonel Brian Lees

Sir, The Foreign Secretary's recent *faux pas* with the Saudi Foreign Minister (leading article, September 25) and now with the Indians are well in keeping with his distinguished (old Labour) predecessor, Tony Crosland. I recall that his casual treatment of a particularly important foreign visitor I was escorting almost caused a serious diplomatic incident.

When I asked a young private secretary the reason for his crass behaviour, I was told that "the Secretary of State is not very good with foreigners".

New Labour is the party of tradition in one respect at least.

Yours etc,
BRIAN LEES
(Defence Attaché, Jeddah, 1975-79),
The Old Rectory,
Kenley, Shropshire.
October 14.

From Mr Nicholas Wibberley

Sir, One should never be too surprised at what Labour Foreign Secretaries get up to. According to one of many stories, more or less apocryphal, the late George Brown once asked the Cardinal Archbishop of Lima for a dance.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS WIBBERLEY,
East Whiddon,
Landkey Road, Barnstaple, Devon.
October 14.

the Italian authorities, and a money might also be diverted.

CHANGING TIMES

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RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN
NEW DELHI

October 14: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh flew to Amritsar this morning and were received by the Governor of Punjab (*Lieutenant General* B. K. N. Chibber) and the Chief Minister (Shri Prakash Singh Badal).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later laid a Wreath at *Jallianwala Bagh.*

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards visited the Golden Temple, Amritsar.

Her Majesty and His Royal *Highness this evening* attended a Reception at the British High Commissioner's residence.

This afternoon The Duke of Edinburgh laid a Wreath at Amar Jyoti (India Gate).

His Royal Highness, Founder and Chairman of the International *Trustees, later, at the British High* Commissioner's Residence, New Delhi, presented awards to young people who have achieved the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Princess Royal, on behalf of The Queen, held an Investiture at Buckingham *Palace* this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 14: The Duke of York, Patron, this morning visited the British Deaf Association's London office at 1-3 Worship Street, *London* EC2.

His Royal Highness, President, this evening attended the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom Council Dinner at the Royal Air Force Club, Piccadilly, London W1.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 14: The Prince Edward this evening attended the opening *night performance by Canada's* Royal Winnipeg Ballet at the Peacock Theatre, London WC2.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 14:
The Princess Royal, Patron, the Home Farm Trust, this morning received Dr Frank Vince upon assuming the appointment of Chairman of Governors.

Mr Conan Carey (Director General) was present.

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon visited United Biscuits, Waxlow Road, London NW10.

The *Princess Royal, President,* Riding for the Disabled Association, later opened a new Indoor School at Penniwells Riding Centre, Edgwarebury Lane, Elstree, and was received by the Hon Richard Pleydell-Bouverie (Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire).

Her Royal Highness this evening attended the Tenth Anniversary Dinner of the Charity Finance Directors' Group at the Brewery, *Chiswell Street, London* EC1.

KENSINGTON PALACE

October 14:
The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, *St Peter's Research Trust,* this evening attended an "Evening of Magic" at Fishmongers Hall, London EC2.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 14:
The Duke of Kent, Patron, the Royal Institution of Great Britain, and Patron, the Year of Engineering Success, this morning attended Engineering in Health Week, Albermarle Street, London W1.

His Royal Highness, President of the Council, the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, this *evening* attended a Reception at Stationers' Hall, Ava Maria Lane, London EC4.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as Patron, the *Association for Business Sponsor*ship of the Arts, will host a performance, dinner and dance to launch *the Creative Forum for* Culture and the Economy at Buckingham Palace at 6.30pm.

The Duke of York, as Admiral, Sea Cadet Corps, will visit the Swansea Detachment of the Sea Cadet Corps at Swansea Marina, West Glamorgan at 11am; will open the new teaching block, Neath College, West Glamorgan at 12.15pm; and will attend the 25th Annual Seafarers' *Service* in Wales at Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff at 3pm.

The Princess Royal, as President, Save the Children Fund, will attend the annual meeting at Westminster Central Hall, Storeys *Gate, London SW1 at 11am;* as Chancellor, London University, will inaugurate the new premises of the School of Advanced Study and compoment institutes, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1 at 3pm; and as Patron, United Kingdom Antarctic Heritage Trust, will attend a fundraising evening in aid of the Trust and the Scott Polar Research Institute at *the Royal Geographical Society,* Kensington Gore, *London* SW7 at 7.15pm.

The Duke of Gloucester will present the Royal British Legion's *Awards at Drapers'* Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2, at 7.30pm.

Luncheon

WS Atkins plc
Mr Geoffrey Robinson, MP, was principal speaker at a luncheon given by WS Atkins plc at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. Guests included:

Dr Richard Baldwin (Divisional Managing Director, Alfred McAlpine Construction Limited), Mr *David Bailey (Development* Director, London Underground Limited), Mr Jim Cohen (Director, Balfour Beatty Limited), Mr Mike Collard (Head of Projects Development, Sir Robert McAlpine), Mr Ian Coucher (Managing Director, TranSys), Mr Michael Cover (Partner, Davies Arnold Cooper), Sir Martin Laing (Chairman, John Laing plc), Mr David Metter (Chief Executive, Innisfree), Mr Jeremy Millar (Chief Executive, Hereford Hospital), Mr Neil *Monaghan (Chief Property Of*ficer, Oxfordshire County Council), Mr Adrian Montague (Chief *Executive, PFI), Mr George Muir* (Chief Executive, Psec), Mr Brian Myers (General Manager, BT plc), *Mr John Sanders (Policy Man*ager, Essex County Council), Mr Paul Shepherd (Executive Chairman, Shepherd Construction Limited), Mr Geoff Spence (Head of Utilities, Deutsche Morgan Grenfell), Mr *Julian Squire (Managing* Director, Primary Management), Mr Tim Steadman (Partner, Clifford *Chance), Mr Richard Stokes* (Director, ICL Enterprises), Mr Jeremy Thirsk (Head of Project Finance, *Union* Bank of Switzerland), Mr Denis Tunnicliffe (Managing Director, London Underground Limited), Mr Mike Welton (Chief Executive, Balfour Beatty Limited), Mr Michael Whitehouse (Head of Projects Group, Wragge & Co), Mr Keith Wright (Director, NHS Executive North West, Department of Health), Mr David Young (Director of Environmental Services, Oxfordshire County Council).

Directors for WS Atkins: Mr *David Clements,* Mr Richard Cuthbert, Mr Mike Donnelly, Mr Richard French, Professor John *Fyfe, Dr Barry Hutt, Mr David* James, Mr Richard Jarvis, Mr Michael Jeffries, Mr Paul Jowers, *Mr John Mobsby,* Mr David Morgan, Mr Hugh Roberts, Mr David Slater, Mr John Winter.

Prince urges 'heroes' to enter for awards

By ALEXANDRA FREAN, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Prince of Wales will appeal today to the nation's "unsung heroes and heroines" who work with local businesses to improve the quality of life in their neighbourhoods, to enter the twelfth annual Community Enterprise Awards.

The awards, run by the Prince's charity Business in the *Community and* sponsored by *The Times* and NatWest, aim to publicise the work of community entrepreneurs. "They can be found *though* the length and breadth of the United Kingdom — in city housing estates, market towns and rural villages," the Prince said yesterday. "Despite making considerable contributions to the social and economic regeneration of their communities, they often receive little support or recognition. I therefore call on all you unsung heroes and *heroines to enter this year's* Community Enterprise Awards and help to build on the achievements and contribution of this vital part of the *economy.*"

Previous winners have set up housing co-operatives, built accommodation for the homeless, and developed kin*dergarten or adult education* classes.

In a slight shift of emphasis, this year's awards will seek to recognise projects working in the field of social and economic regeneration. Some 24 prizes of £1,000 each will go to the winning projects. This year, for the first time, the winner and runners-up will also be entered into a Fellowship Programme. They will be linked with a "mentor" from a *local* business who will meet them regularly and act as a private consultant. The winners will also be invited to join a *national network of com*munity entrepreneurs and to attend seminars promoting best practice in community work. *Twelve of the* winners will be taken on a study trip to America to see the work of leading community enterprises there.

***Entries are invited* from individuals, community organisations, businesses and local authorities. An overall winner will be chosen to receive the Charles Douglas-Home Award. The awards will be presented next spring.**

Entry forms may be obtained from the Community Enterprise Awards, Business in the Community, 44 Baker Street, London W1M 1DH.

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NEIL MUNNS

Paddy Greene, Jill Archer in *The Archers* for 40 years, after receiving the MBE insignia yesterday.

Dinners

Royal Aero Club
The Duke of York, President of the Royal Aero Club, was the guest of *honour at a council dinner held* last night at the RAF Club. Mr Frederick O. Marsh, chairman, *presided.*

Glovers' Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by *the Sheriffs* and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Glovers' Company held last night at the *Mansion House.* Mr Michael Down, Master, presided. Sir John Mills was the principal guest.

Athenaeum
Mr Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, was the speaker at a dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Mr Ian Hay Davison was in the chair.

Immigration Appellate Authority
Judge Pearl, President of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal, *presided at a dinner held last night* at the Carlton Club to mark the retirement of his predecessor, Mr *George Farmer. Vice-presidents of* the Immigration Appeal Tribunal and adjudicators of the authority were present.

United Oxford & Cambridge University Club
Dr Richard Luckett, Pepys Librarian, Magdalene College, Cambridge, was the principal speaker at a dinner of the United Oxford & Cambridge University Club held last night at the club house. Mr Bruce Williams, chairman of the club, presided.

University News

Durham
Sir Kenneth Calman, Chief Medical Officer at the Department of Health, has been appointed as the next Vice-Chancellor and Warden of Durham University. He will take up his post in a year's time.

Appointments

Great Britain – China Centre
Mr David Brewer has been elected to succeed *Mr Graham Greene* as Chairman of the Great Britain-China Centre from October 21.

Durham University Society

The DUS Annual Dinner will be held at the House of Commons on *November 7. Tickets* at £40 from Graham Barker. Tel: 0181-566 3573.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Virgil, poet, Andes, Italy, 70 BC; Friedrich Nietzsche, philosopher, Roken, Germany, 1844; Marie Stopes, scientist and sex education reformer, Edinburgh, 1880; Sir Pelham (P.G.) *Wodehouse, humorous writer,* Guildford, 1881.

DEATHS: Pierre Laval, Head of Vichy Government 1942-44, executed, Paris, 1945; Hermann Goering, war criminal, committed suicide, Nuremberg, 1946; Cole Porter, songwriter, California, 1964.

The airship *Graf Zeppelin* landed in New Jersey after its first transatlantic crossing, 1928.

Dyers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Dyers' Company for the ensuing year:

Prime Warden, Mr J.R. Vaizey; Renter Warden, Mr H. Morley-Fletcher.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.G. Angus
and Miss C.M. Friend
The engagement is announced between Henry, son of Mr and Mrs Jestyn Angus, of Great Whittington, Northumberland, and Catherine, daughter of Dr and *Mrs James Friend,* of Blenheim Place, Aberdeen.

Mr G.M. Blaker
and Miss S.M.E. Horwitz
The engagement is announced between Gary, son of Mr *and Mrs* Marshall Blaker, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, and Sharon, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Horwitz, of Harrow, Middlesex.

Mr M.D. Craig
and Miss S.D. Skinner
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Samuel and Margaret Craig, of Newtownards, Northern Ireland, and Shauna, daughter of David and Morag Skinner, of Barton *Turf, Norfolk.*

Mr R.A. Cunliffe
and Miss J.A. Matheson
The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of the late Mr Foster Cunliffe and of Mrs Aileen Cunliffe, of Ashtead, Surrey, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Matheson, *of* Aberdeen.

Mr R.M. de Ruig
and Miss K.L. Emus
The engagement is announced between Rupert Mark, elder son of the late Mr John de Ruig and of Mrs de Ruig, of Chiswick, London, and Katherine Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Emus, of Downe, Kent.

Mr A.J.S. Gibson
and Miss R.C. Aldridge
The engagement is announced between Alasdair, son of Mr and Mrs David Gibson, of Oldbury, *Groombridge,* Sussex, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Aldridge, of Old Ridley Hall, Stocksfield, Northumberland.

Mr J.A.D. Jones
and Miss S.A. Tudor
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs P.W. Jones, of *Biddenham,* Bedfordshire, and Sally Ann, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R. Tudor, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Mr P.J. Kendell
and Miss N.R. Bedford
The engagement is announced between Philip, second son of Mrs G.C. Kendell and the late Mr *Kendell,* of Stretton-on-Dunsmore, and Nicola, daughter of Mr David Bedford, of Naunton, and Mrs *Celia Bedford,* of Nettleton.

Mr S.C.G. Pawlak
and Miss L.B. Olliver
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of the late Mr J. Pawlak and of Mrs H. Pawlak, of Headington, Oxford, and Lucy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.O. Olliver, of Kingston Stert, Oxfordshire.

Mr W.R. Perei
and Miss A.M. Cox
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs A.E. Perei, of *Walton-on-*Thames, Surrey, and Anna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A.V. Cox, of Northchurch, Hertfordshire.

Birthdays today

The Duchess of York celebrates her 38th birthday today.

Lord Ampthill, 76; Lord Baden-Powell, 61; Sir George Bishop, former chairman, Booker McConnell, 84; Mr Craig Chalmers, rugby player, 29; Sir Howard Colvin, FBA, architectural historian, 78; Professor J.K. Galbraith, economist, 89; Mr G.T. Goodall, former Headmaster, Exeter School, 68.

Sir Julian Hodge, *merchant* banker, 93; Mr Alan Jones, chief executive, BICC, 58; Miss Catherine *Lampert, director, White*chapel Art Gallery, 51; Dame Anne Mueller, civil servant, 67; Baroness Perry of Southwark, 66; Mr Mario Puzo, author, 77; Professor Charles Rees, FRS, former President of the Royal Society of Chemistry, 70; Baroness Serota, 78; Mr Billy Smart, circus owner, 63; Mr David Trimble, leader, Ulster Unionist Party, 53; Mr Justice Vinelott, 74; Sir Christopher Walford, former Lord Mayor of London, 62.

Captain David Keith

A service of thanksgiving for Captain David Keith will be held on Monday, November 17, 1997, at 11.30am at St Mary's Church, Little Walsingham, Norfolk. Please telephone 01328 862298/862470 for arrangements.

Marriage

Mr S.C. McCrum
and Miss S. Dickson

The marriage took place on Saturday, October 11, at The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, London, of Mr Simon McCrum, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs Ronnie *McCrum,* to Miss Suzanne Dickson, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Dickson. The Rev *John Robson officiated.*

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs David Roe, Mrs Chris Jackson and Charlotte Humphreys. Mr Toby Gunter was best man.

The honeymoon will be spent *abroad.*

Meeting

Byron Society

Professor Phyllis Grosskurth was the speaker at a meeting of the Byron *Society* held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. The Countess of *Longford presided, assisted by Mr* William St Clair, of Trinity College, Cambridge.

Dorothy Ollivant

A memorial service for Dorothy Muriel Ollivant, MVO, will be held at St Simon Zelotes, Milner Street, Chelsea, on Friday, November 7, at noon.

Memorial service

Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood

A service of thanksgiving for the life of *Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood* was held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand. The Ven P. R. Turner, Chaplain-*in-Chief RAF, officiated, assisted by the* Rev David Mackenzie, Resident Chaplain.

Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis Spotswood and Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough read the lessons. Mr Raymond Baxter read from T. E. Lawrence's *The Mint* and the Epigraph to the *Seven Pillars of Wisdom.* Among others present were:

Mr Christopher Smallwood (son), Mr *and Mrs Timothy Roberts (son-in-law* and daughter), Miss Tara Smallwood, Miss Samantha Smallwood, Miss Melissa *Smallwood, Miss Victoria Roberts* and Miss Nicola Roberts (granddaughters), Mrs Daphne Holmgren *(sister).* Mr and Mrs Michael Smallwood, Mr Trelawney Gayer, Miss L. Dashwood-Hall, Mr and Mrs A. Charteris, Mr P. Cregeen, Dr Justin Holmgren, Mrs Rachael Ducker.

Viscount Slim, Lord Carrington, KG, CH, Lord Cottesloe, Lady Annaly, Sir Nicholas Scott, Sir Frank Cooper, Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck, the Hon Sir Peter Ramsbotham, the Hon Mrs Robinson, Sir Patrick Astley Cooper (PACE), Marshal of the RAF Lord and Lady Craig of Radley, Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael and Lady Beetham, Admiral Sir John Treacher, General Sir John Mogg, General Sir Cecil Blacker.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns *(Chief of the Air Staff) and Lady Johns,* Air Chief Marshal Sir David Cousins (Air Member for Personnel) and Lady Cousins, Air Chief *Marshal Sir* Patrick Hine (representing the Order of the British Empire) and Lady Hine, Air *Chief Marshal Sir David and Lady* Evans, Air Chief Marshal Sir Nigel Maynard, Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Palin (controller, RAF Benevolent Fund), Air Chief Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans, Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, Air Chief Marshal Sir Derek Hodgkinson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight, Air Chief Marshal Sir Douglas Lowe, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris (Battle of Britain Fighter Association).

Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Freer, *Air Chief Marshal Sir John Aiken,* Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Alcock, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett, Air *Chief Marshal Sir Peter Terry,* Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, Air Chief Marshal Sir Sandy Wilson (Air Crew *Association), Air Chief Marshal* Sir William Wratten, Lieutenant-General Sir David and Lady Willison, Air Marshal Sir Roy and Lady Austen-Smith, Air *Marshal Sir Peter* Squire, Air Marshal Sir Charles Pringle, Air Marshal Sir John Rogers, Air Marshal Sir Reginald Harland, Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Hayr, Air Marshal Sir John Curtis, Air Marshal Sir Patrick Dunn, Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Ford, Air Marshal Sir Michael Giddings, Air Marshal Sir Edward Gordon Jones, Air Marshal Sir Ivor Broom, Air Marshal Sir Frederick Sowrey, Air Marshal Sir Peter Squire.

Lady (Alan) Boxer, Lady Spotswood, Lady Prickett, Lady Barraclough, Lady *Crowley-Milling, Lady (Andrew) Hum*phrey, Dame Felicity Peake, Lady (Charles) Ness, Lady (Barrie Heath, *Lady Barnett, Sir Donald* Spiers, Sir John Stokes, Lady (John) Thomson, Sir Michael Cobham, Lady Kyle, Air Marshal C.G. Terry (Air Member for *Logistics), Air Vice-Marshal* T. I. Jenner (Assistant Chief of the Air Staff), Air Vice-Marshal J. M. Stevenson (also representing the chairman, Grand Military Race Committee), Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs J. H. Thompson, Air Vice-Marshal Philip Hedgeland, Air Vice-Marshal A. V. R. Johnstone, Air Vice-Marshal J. M. Jones, Air Vice-Marshal G. C. Lamb, Air Vice-Marshal A. Maisner.

Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs G. M Ferguson, Air Vice-Marshal B. H. Newton (representing the Colonel of TAVRA's), *Air Vice-Marshal* L. W. Phipps, Air Vice-Marshal M. J. Pilkington, Air Vice-Marshal E. D. Crew, Air *Vice-Marshal* A. D. Dick, Air Vice-Marshal L. W. G. Gill, Air Vice-Marshal Geoffrey Cairns, Air Vice-Marshal D. L. Attlee, Air Vice-Marshal N. B. Baldwin (RAF Historical Society), Air Vice-Marshal H. Bird-Wilson, Air Commodore P. M. Brothers, Air Commodore E. W. Wooton, Air Commodore C. A. Alldis (The Air League), Group Captain and Mrs R. J. Howard, Wing Commander R. P. Beaumont, Wing *Commander* R. Linford, Captain Christopher Hodgkinson.

Miss Julia Bullock, Mr J. Bullock, Mr *M. Burrough,* Miss H. Charrington, Mrs S. Cotterill, Mr M. S. Allison, Mr G. Anthony, Mr and Mrs P. Douglas, *Mr and Mrs John Grandy, Mr S.* Greener, Mrs J. Deere, Mr J. Mumford, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, MP, Group *Captain C. J. Eadie, Mr A. Fletcher, Mrs* G. Gomme, Colonel P. E. Harris, Mr G. R. Hattam, Mr N. Hodges, Mr *David Hodges, Mr K. W. Lovell,* Miss B. Snowsill, Mr A. J. P. Smith, Mrs P. Staveley.

Mr John Weston (group managing director British Aerospace) and Mrs Weston with Mr Kevin Smith; Mrs D. Barnato Walker (Air Transport Association), Mr R. W. Bridge (Master, GAPAN), Mr D. Corbett and Mr John Hogg (Air Squadron), Miss M. Cormack (Dunkirk Little Ships), Mr K. I. Burvill (600 City of London Squadron), Mr P. Rudd (605 Squadron); Mr F G Hammond (209 Squadron), Mr M. Rogers, Mr E. N. Whittle and Mrs M. Diplock (247 Squadron Association), Mr A. R. Fearn (Connex SE Railways), *Mr T. M.* Holloway *(Marshall of Cambridge).*

Dr Hugh Metcalfe (Royal Aeronautical *Society), the Rev G. Buss* (Hurstpierpoint College), Mr H. R. *Wright* (Chief Master, King Edward's *School Birmingham)* Mr R. W. Evans (president London Old Edwardian Association) representatives of RAF *Coltishall,* the *Philip Green* Memorial Trust, the Phyllis Court Club, the Filligree Trust, the American Historical Foundation, GEC Marconi, and many other friends and former colleagues.

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I set my heart on possessing wisdom, and by keeping myself pure I found her. With her I gained understanding from the first; therefore I shall never be at a loss. Ecclesiasticus 51 : 20

BIRTHS

BUNTEN-ADAMSON - On 11th October, to Rod and Frances, a beautiful daughter, Katherine Elena, at Canberra Hospital, a sister for Claire and Matthew.

DEVITT - *On* October 12th, to Kerryn (née Tapscott) and Colin, a son, Sean Noel, a brother for Liam and grandson for Maureen, Noel, Joan and Willie.

DOWDEN - On October 13th, to Georgina (née Thesiger) and David, a son, William George, a brother for Charles.

FITZGERALD - On Sunday October 12th, to Debbie (née Willcox) and Kieran, a beautiful son, Frederick *David Patrick,* a brother for Imogen.

INOUE - On October 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Masako and Kaoru, a son, *Atsuhiko* Edward, a brother for Takehiko.

TAYLOR - On October 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Kris (née Puszkiewicz) and Michael, a son, Gordon, a brother for Richard.

TODD - On *October* 2nd *1997,* to Ruth (née Johnson) and Robert, a son, Joshua George Bliesman.

TWEEDDALE-TYE - On October 11th *1997,* to Grace (née Balne) and David, a son, Harry Edward, an adorable brother to Luke and Phoebe.

DEATHS

BARNFIELD - On October 13th, Ronald Trevor Barnfield of Ferndown, Dorset, aged 77. Beloved husband of Joy, father and grandfather. Private funeral. No flowers please, but donations for the Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund may be sent to A.H. Jolliffe & Son (F/D), 17 Victoria Road, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9HT. Tel: 01202 872060.

CAMPBELL - Dr. Ishbel died peacefully on October 10th at *Blenheim* Court Nursing Home, Southampton, aged 92 years. Funeral Service for family and close friends only at Southampton Crematorium, West Chapel, on Wednesday October 22nd at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Age Concern c/o R.C. Payne & Sons, 485 Bitterne Road East, *Southampton.* A Memorial Service will be held at Highfield Parish Church at a later date.

CARTWRIGHT - John Sams. On October 14th 1997 in hospital, and of Hillside House, Great Harwood, fortified with the Rites of Holy Mother Church, John, aged 49 years, the greatly loved husband of Pamela, beloved father of Joanna and John, Sarah and Richard, *Sophie,* John-Paul, Jessica, Patrick and Sean and very much loved son of Margarete and Alan Barker. A gentleman to the end. R.I.P. Rosary at Hillside House on Thursday at 7 pm. Requiem Mass at Our Lady & St Hubert R.C. Church, Great Harwood on Friday at 11 am, prior to interment at Clitheroe Cemetery. Enquiries: The Alty Funeral Service, Witton, Blackburn, tel: (01254) 51251.

CATTO - On October 13th, 1997, peacefully at Holmdale, the Hon Isabel Ida Gordon Catto, OBE. Much loved sister, aunt, great-aunt, godmother and friend. Funeral at St Mary the Virgin, Holmbury St Mary, on Friday October 17th at 2pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please or donations in her memory to the World YWCA, c/o Miss F.E. Sharples, 3 The Green, Bladon, Oxford OX20 1RR.

COOPER - Joe, on October 8th, peacefully aged 7. Much loved son of Mick and Jackie and brother of Sam. The funeral service was held on October 14th at 11.30 am at the church *of* St Nicholas, Leeds, Kent. Donations, if desired, may be made to the Peggy Wood Leukaemia and *Cancer Equipment* Fund, Oak Cottage, The Green, Boughton Monchelsea, Kent, ME17 4LT. The thoughts of all the family's friends at TNT and News International are with them, and with a little boy who will be much missed.

CUMMINGS - Michael, on October 9th. Much loved husband of Anne Marie, stepfather of Jean-Marc and brother of Jean. Funeral on Wednesday, October 22nd, at 2 pm at Chelsea Old Church, Old Church Street, SW3. Family flowers only. *Donations if desired* to Macmillan Cancer Relief, 15 Britten Street, SW3.

DAVIES - On October 13th 1997 Alexandrina, beloved wife of the late George Parker Davies, mother of Daphne and Rosemary, grandmother of Jamie, Candia, Laura and Timmy and great-grandmother of Candia. Thanksgiving Service at St Michael and All Angels, Withington, Gloucestershire, on Friday October 17th at 12.30 pm. All enquiries to Edward Carter (FD), 01235-528293.

DAY - John King on October 8th peacefully at home in Holt, Norfolk, amongst his family and friends. Loving widower of Betty, beloved father of Philip, Nicholas and Christopher and much loved father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at the Parish Church, Stody, Norfolk, on Monday October 20th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations for Christian Aid may be sent c/o Lloyd Durham Funeral Services, 11A Avenue Road, High Kelling, Holt NR25 6RD.

DEERHURST - The Viscount Edward Omar (Ted) suddenly on 4th October in Hawaii. Much loved son of the Earl of Coventry and Mrs Mimi Blankenhorn. Private cremation. Service for family and friends on Wednesday 15th October at North Shore, Sunset Beach, Oahu, Hawaii.

DUCHENE - Anne, aged 72, vivid and warm woman, former Manchester Guardian journalist and talented teacher, Sunday 12th October at home in Brighton, to great grief of husband François, daughter Catherine and relatives and *friends.* Funeral on Monday 20th October, St Nicholas Church, Old Dyke Road, Brighton at 12 noon. Enquiries and *flowers* to Baker, Funeral Directors, 60 Church Road, Portslade BN3 2FF, tel: (01273) 418464.

GRATTAN - On October 9th at Castle Cary, Somerset, Colonel Henry Grattan CBE, greatly loved and loving husband of Vera for 63 years, very dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Service at St Nicholas Church, Bratton Seymour, on Tuesday 21st October at 2.15 pm, followed by committal at Yeovil Crematorium at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for St Nicholas Church, Bratton Seymour, c/o Mr Harold F. Miles, Funeral Director, South Cadbury BA22 7ES. *Telephone:* (01963) 440367.

HALE - On Sunday October 12th 1997, peacefully at home, after many years of illness, bravely borne, Michael Churchill, aged 79 years. Adored husband of *Penelope* and *father of* Janetta and Philip (deceased). Cremation private. Memorial Service later. Donations if desired to League of Friends, Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath, c/o R.A. Brooks & Son, 35 Wivelsfield Road, Haywards Heath, W. Sussex, tel: (01444) 454391.

HARFIELD - Peacefully on October 11th 1997, Bernard MC of Pedmore, Stourbridge. Dearly loved husband of Una and father of Wendy, Martyn, Jennie and Jonathan. A loving grandfather. Funeral *Service for family* only. No flowers by request, if desired donations for The Royal National Institute for the Blind, will be accepted by H. Porter & Sons, 60, South Road, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 3UJ.

LE BARON-WHYTE - Joan Helen at Warren Gate Nursing Home, Mogador, Surrey, on 11th October 1997 aged 80 years. Cremation at Worth Crematorium Monday 20th October at 10.45 am. All enquiries to Beaney & Co, Solicitors, (01737) 249161.

LAWS-JOHNSON - Vera, peacefully on October 11th 1997, aged 93 years. Sweetheart of the late Frank, dearly loved by her daughter Veronica and grandchildren Amanda and Alasdair. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Westhampnett, Chichester on Friday, October 17th at 3.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Kevin Holland Funeral Service, 246 Chichester Road, Bognor Regis, tel: (01243) 868630.

[illegible] - Anne Patricia (née Smith), taken suddenly ill, died peacefully on October 12th 1997 in hospital. Dear wife of Gordon, devoted mother of Ben. Beloved daughter of Louvain. Lovingly mourned by her sister Shirley and brother Jack and other members of the family. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Funeral Service will be held at Macclesfield Crematorium on Friday 17th October at 12.30 pm. Flowers may be sent, if desired, to Funeral Director, Albert E. Slack Ltd, Briarfield, 84 South Oak Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 6AT, tel: 01625 525063.

MASON - Richard, Writer, died peacefully in Rome on 13th October 1997, beloved husband of Margot and *father of Theo and Jessica.*

ORANGE - Henry Daniel on 11th October in Epsom Hospital. Funeral Service on 23rd October 2.30 pm Leatherhead Parish Church. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution c/o Hawkins & Sons 01372 372435.

PRESTON - Daphne Jane Anson O.B.E. (née St Clair-Ford) peacefully with dignity at home on October 12th, beloved wife of the late Col. Geoffrey Preston and loved mother of Roger and Judy. Proud grandmother of her five grandchildren. Thanksgiving Service at All Saints Church, Burythorpe on Friday 17th October at 11.30am followed by interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to All Saints Church, Burythorpe for which a plate will be provided or c/o R.C. Bainbridge, 3 Princess Road, Malton, N. Yorks.

RUSSELL - Marian aged 93 of Eynsham, Oxfordshire, died peacefully at home on *Monday 13th October 1997.* Funeral at St Leonards Church, Eynsham on Monday 20th October at 12 noon. No flowers but donations, if wished, to Christian Aid.

TUCKWELL - Ruth Tuckwell O.B.E., J.P., on October 13th at home. A dearly loved sister and aunt. So dedicated to her family and friends, she will be deeply missed. The Funeral will be at *St Andrew's* Church, Farnham, on Thursday October 23rd at 11 am. No flowers please. *Donations to The Phyllis* Tuckwell Hospice, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8BL.

WIGHT - Dr. Stephen Wight aged 80, husband of the late Betty Wight and dearly loved *father* of Christopher, Toby and Peter, died peacefully on October 8th. Funeral Thursday October 16th at St Alkmund's Church, Duffield at 2 pm. No flowers please but donations to the Nightingale Macmillan Continuing Care Unit, London Road, Derby.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

GRANT - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Allan Grant will be held at St Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, London EC2, on Tuesday 28th October 1997 at 2 pm.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

GODWINSON - Harold died 14th October 1066. Greatest leader of the English, sorely missed.

[illegible] - Keith. Darling husband on this your birthday, loved so much and missed. You dwell in my heart.

ANNIVERSARIES

JEANS - Roy and Amelia. Have a very happy wedding anniversary from your friends and colleagues at TNL.

BIRTHDAYS

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OBITUARIES

ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET SIR WILLIAM STAVELEY

Admiral of the Fleet Sir William Staveley, GCB, First Sea Lord, 1985-89, died of a heart attack on October 13 aged 68. He was born on November 10, 1928.

WILLIAM STAVELEY was descended from famous naval officers on both sides of his family. He was the son of the late Admiral Cecil Staveley; his maternal grandfather was Admiral Sir Doveton Sturdee, who annihilated von Spee's battle squadron at the Battle of the Falkland Islands in 1914.

From an early age, William was clearly driven by a strong ambition to emulate his forebears. While he was never widely popular, his intense devotion to his profession, his hard work and his political acumen at the higher policymaking level inspired a universal and healthy respect.

Joining Dartmouth naval college in 1942, Staveley first went to sea in the cruiser *Ajax* in 1946 in the Mediterranean. This was followed by tours in the cruisers *Nigeria* and *Bermuda* in the South Atlantic. A significant appointment as flag lieutenant to the C-in-C Home Fleet, Admiral Sir George Creasy, was followed by selection to the staff at Dartmouth where, even in that culture of unbridled keenness, he was conspicuous by the example that he set to his cadets.

After staff and seagoing tours, including the destroyer *Cavalier* during Britain's H-bomb tests at Christmas Island, Staveley was promoted commander at the early age of 32 and sent to the Far East in command of a minesweeping squadron. There, as coastal patrol craft, his ships saw much operational service during the Brunei rebellion of 1962 and the Malaysian confrontation with Indonesia in 1963. After having been the Commander Sea Training at the Navy's work-up base at Portland, he commanded the frigate *Zulu*.

Assistant director of the Plans Division of the Naval Staff was the first of his many appointments within the Ministry of Defence. These encompassed an era of particularly difficult financial crisis in the defence sector and immense shifts in defence policy. He also commanded the assault ship *Intrepid* and the commando carrier *Albion* before returning to the MoD as Director of Naval Plans — and a consequent promotion to rear-admiral — in 1977.

As Flag Officer Carriers and Amphibious Ships he was responsible for the fighting efficiency and war plans for the Navy's main warships, his role as a critical inspector being tempered by his warmth and understanding of the the junior sailors under his command. A tour as chief of staff to the C-in-C Fleet at the Northwood headquarters was excellent preparation for his own future as C-in-C.

Promoted vice-admiral in 1980 and appointed Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff — broadly the Navy's chief executive officer — he was soon confronted with the need for a rearguard action against the damaging effects on the Navy of John Nott's defence review of 1982 and the measures described in the notorious White Paper, *Command 8288*. The coincidental outbreak of the Falklands conflict was seen by many as the vindication for a balanced naval capability. Staveley regretted his deskbound contribution, which, although valuable, did not have the historical appeal that task force commander in his grandfather's footsteps would have done. He was appointed KCB in 1981.

As C-in-C Fleet, Staveley was also the top Nato commander, C-in-C Channel and Eastern Atlantic. Using this Alliance platform, he made himself mildly unpopular in national government circles with his forthright identification of Nato shortfalls in minesweepers and escorts compared with the Soviet force levels.

His battles to preserve a balanced fleet continued for the four years he was First Sea Lord, forsaking the threadbare arguments of worldwide seapower rhetoric for the excellent naval case that had emerged, one bound up with the Nato alliance and Europe. He was a tireless recruiter of support from the great and good in all walks of life.

Contemporaries recall Staveley's by-the-book and almost over-anxious concern for his junior subordinates, but also his excellent judgment in placing senior officers on the "flag" list. One excellent candidate was criticised at a selection board for laziness. "Promote him," said Staveley. "Laziness is an admirable quality in a senior officer." Never lazy himself, he was also noted for his loyalty to those he had selected; he would never let them down despite their peccadilloes.

Appointed GCB in 1984, he undertook a remarkable range of activities after his retirement. He held a series of high-level National Health Service regional posts from 1991, finally chairing the North Thames Regional Health Authority until 1996. He was a member of the NHS Policy Board, 1994-96.

As chairman of the Chatham Dockyard Historic Trust, he was particularly proud that his knowledge and acquaintanceships had been invaluable in obtaining lottery funding virtually to rescue 86 acres of Georgian dockyard. He was a member of the London Advisory Committee for English Heritage, while his health interests also included support for the King Edward VII and the Royal London Hospitals.

His private interests included horticulture. He was a member of the Royal Horticultural Society and his stylish buttonholes were conspicuous up and down the corridors of power. A keen equestrian, he was chairman of the Combined Services Equestrian Association and was recently riding to hounds with the West Kent. Indeed, he had acquired a new horse just before his death.

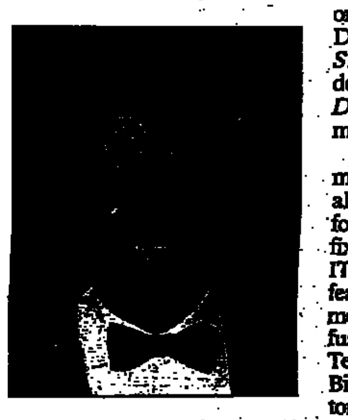
He is survived by his wife Bettina, whom he married in 1954, and their son and daughter.

JOHN RICKMAN

John Rickman, racing journalist, died on *October 13* aged 84. He was born on May 28, 1913.

JOHN RICKMAN was a talented and versatile journalist, both in newspapers and particularly on television. On screen, although he would have strongly denied the notion, he became the embodiment of a new and popular idea of racing to the viewers who, three decades ago, watched ITV's coverage every weekend.

His manners were impeccable: every time he appeared before the cameras, he raised his hat as he said "Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen". In others this might have been dismissed as a gimmick, but it was so palpably in keeping with Rickman's demeanour that it rightly brought him immense popularity. It also helped to win a faithful following for the commercial coverage of racing when he was host, presenter and link-man on London Weekend's seven-race *World of Sport*, featuring the then flourishing ITV-Seven bet.



John Eric Carter Rickman was the son of another racing journalist, Eric Rickman, but his roots in the Turf went deeper than that. His grandfather was the Newmarket trainer Tom Jennings, who sent out three classic winners around the turn of the century. His great-grandfather, also Tom Jennings, was the trainer of the Triple Crown victor of 1865, the redoubtable French-bred Gladiateur, whose statue stands in front of the gates of Longchamp, and who in France became known as "the Avenger of Waterloo".

Rickman was educated at Haileybury, and in 1931 joined the *Bristol Evening World* as a reporter. Three years later he was taken on by the *Daily Mail* and given the task of "zoo correspondent".

After his war service in the Army from 1939 to 1945, he returned to Fleet Street. The *Mail* made him "Dalrymple", then "Robin Goodfellow", a racing post his father had once occupied. On New Year's Day 1961, he joined *The Daily Sketch* as "Gimcrack", but a decade later he was back at the *Daily Mail*, where he remained until retiring in 1978.

His television activities were many, starting with occasional appearances for the BBC before he became a weekly fixture on ITV. Rickman was ITV's first racing reporter, featured in sports programmes from Associated Rediffusion, ATV and Southern Television studios in London, Birmingham and Southampton. Then, from 1965, he worked for *World of Sport*.

Newspapers and television aside, he was a regular contributor to the popular but now defunct annual *Cope's Racegoer's Encyclopaedia*, where he specialised in naming 12 horses to follow through the coming season. He wrote several books, one of which, *Eight Flat Racing Stables* (1979) demonstrates a considerable elegance of style.

Outside racing, he did some farming, breeding a variety of stock including cattle and pigs, and latterly Welsh cobs. He and his family took holidays on the island of Jura off the west coast of Scotland, where he owned a lighthouse.

John Rickman, although a rather private individual, was a genial man, with a hidden drive and energy. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, a son and two daughters.

GEORGE MALCOLM

George Malcolm, CBE, choirmaster, harpsichordist, pianist, conductor and composer, died on October 10 aged 80. He was born on February 28, 1917.

George Malcolm was a gifted and important musician who will be remembered both as a harpsichordist and as an innovative choirmaster. He deployed his keyboard skills with tremendous panache (and some said vulgarity) in the 1950s and 1960s to bring back the harpsichord securely into the public domain, though he affected a certain disdain for the expressive limitations of what he called "the jangle box".

As Master of the Music at Westminster Cathedral from 1947 (when Cardinal Griffin reopened the choir school which had been closed during the war) to 1959, he revolutionised expectations of the expressive potential of boys' voices. He introduced there (or at any rate polished up) what English choir-trainers called "continental sound" — a direct, vibrant, screechy timbre similar to that made by the boys at Regensburg Cathedral in Bavaria, or the famous Vienna Boys Choir.

In 1959, Benjamin Britten immortalised Malcolm's work at the cathedral by writing (very quickly, because he knew that Malcolm was about to give up his post there) a Missa Brevis for boys' voices, which was premiered in a liturgical performance during the capitular High Mass one Wednesday morning and casually recorded by the BBC. Malcolm was accompanying on the apse organ and therefore could not conduct the boys, apart from an occasional obscure gesture over the top of the organ console. Decca heard about the tapes and bought them from the BBC, and the subsequent 45rpm record soon became a hit. As it was a live recording, a mistake in the organ part was never edited out.

George Malcolm listening to the boys of Westminster Cathedral Choir during a rehearsal in 1989

What really symbolised Malcolm's achievement with his Westminster boys was the expressive energy and passion with which they were able to premiere a modern work, taking total responsibility for their own lines, making their entrances as a united body of fervent and completely confident voices. As well as expanding the cathedral's polyphonic repertoire, Malcolm commissioned other modern works.

Malcolm was radically opposed to the inhibited and smooth hooting which still marks (and mars) a number of Anglican cathedral and college choirs. He believed that the natural open sound boys make in the playground when they are excited and shouting at each other should be the basis of choir training — and he often stigmatised cathedrals which "having given up castrating boys have now taken to castrating their voices". But the liberation of the sound was only the first step to liberating expressive potential, as Malcolm's 1959 recording with his Westminster Cathedral Choir of Victoria's *Tenebrae Responsories* amply demonstrates.

Some of the solo boys' singing on that recording has never been matched on any subsequent record in colourfulness and instinctive rhythmic vitality. (Malcolm's choir differed from the usual Anglican practice by having a boys' section provide the alto line, though with backing from a single adult countertenor.) Sir David Willcocks of King's College, Cambridge, famously could not bear to hear his choral scholars praise this record because of the dubious intonation at some points. But the visceral commitment and colour of the Westminster Cathedral boys' singing eventually influenced George Guest at St John's College, Cambridge (and other Anglican organists elsewhere) to modify their boys' sound in a similar direction.

According to the international concert organist Nicolas Kynaston, who was one of Malcolm's boys from 1950 to 1956, "He was wonderful to sing for. It was exciting. He gave you the liberty to express yourself." Kynaston recalled Malcolm's generosity to his boys, taking them out to tea, being incredibly helpful and encouraging. But he also remembered a fearsome occasion when Malcolm chased a couple of trebles upstairs with a chair over his head threatening to brain them. For Kynaston, who never had organ lessons from him, Malcolm was never much of an organist, playing in stockinged feet and lacking a good pedal technique. But his chant accompaniment was brilliantly imaginative.

Colin Mawby, another of Malcolm's boys who became his assistant and succeeded him as organist, attributed his genius as a choir trainer to the influence of Father J. Driscoll, SJ, who ran the choir at the Sacred Heart, Wimbledon. Driscoll started his own choir school, and his choir was highly praised by Ernest Newman. Driscoll's dramatic rescoring of one of the Victoria *Tenebrae Responsories* was used in Malcolm's recording. Malcolm's musical and liturgical taste was deeply influenced by memories of the adorned and dramatised Holy Week liturgy at the Sacred Heart.

Malcolm conquered, or acknowledged, the fact that he was an alcoholic during the latter part of his time at Westminster. He was away from the cathedral for a long period recovering in hospital after falling through a second-floor window at St Edmund's College, Ware, while "sleepwalking". He needed plastic surgery on his face, and always thereafter had a rather inflexible carven quality about his look and a slightly lazy eye. He was sacked because of the drink in 1952, though almost immediately reinstated.

Relations with Canon Collingwood, the cathedral administrator at the time, were difficult. Malcolm once sent Collingwood a book titled *Courtesy for Clerics*, and it was the inflexibility of Cardinal Godfrey, refusing to allow the Westminster boys to perform at the BBC Proms, that prompted Malcolm's resignation. (Bad relations between the clergy and the musicians were traditional at Westminster Cathedral until quite recently. Sir Richard Terry, the distinguished musicologist and choir trainer who created the Roman Catholic choral tradition at Westminster between the wars, had famously bad relations with Cardinal Bourne, with whom he communicated only by letter, and was sacked for shouting down at the priests from the apse during High Mass "Can't any of you buggers even sing an alleluia?")

George John Malcolm's father, of Scottish extraction, died very young, and Malcolm lived with his mother in a house on Cheyne Walk until her death at a very advanced age. After Wimbledon College, he was a Classics Scholar at Balliol — Sir Edward Heath was Organ Scholar then. (Heath when Prime Minister once had the gall to express sadness that Malcolm had not "realised his early potential".)

During the war Malcolm served in the RAF Volunteer Reserve. He had started piano lessons at the Royal College of Music at the age of seven, and he maintained a preference for the piano in spite of his fame and success at the harpsichord. He would admit that he lacked the physique for Brahms and the Romantics, but his Bartók and Beethoven could be wonderful. He was a regular keyboard performer at Aldeburgh, and accompanied Yehudi Menuhin, Jacqueline du Pré, Manoug Parikian, Christopher Hirons and many others in chamber music.

His harpsichord playing was exciting and very expressive, modelled [illegible] extent on the style and approach of Wanda Landowska. His complete *Goldberg Variations* involve all sorts of supposedly inauthentic registrations. His playing was inspirational and dramatic rather than scrupulously accurate. Its genuine flair and wit were what made his pop shorts (*Bach Goes to Town*, and *Bach Before the Mast*) so successful with the public. Klemperer disapproved of the florid ornamentation Malcolm applied to Bach's continuo in the *St Matthew Passion* and told him, "Please Mr Malcolm, not to joke with Mr Bach."

Though he had a reputation as a martinet and was blunt if not rude when trying to achieve musical results, he was also a gentle and amusing companion who liked to see those with whom he was eating enjoy their wine — even though he could not enjoy it himself.

With the arrival in power at the BBC of a new generation of authentic performance authorities, Malcolm who had for years been a regular feature of BBC music broadcasts was dropped in short order. But he never complained about the change in fashion. After leaving the cathedral he became quite a successful conductor, for instance holding posts with the Philomusica of London from 1962 to 1966, and with the BBC Scottish Orchestra. He had an enormous influence in their early days on the Academy of St Martin in the Fields and the English Chamber Orchestra. He also wrote some modest and liturgically effective church music.

He was appointed CBE in 1965, and made an honorary fellow of Balliol the following year. He was a Knight of the Papal Order of St Gregory. He was unmarried.

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After their heroic stand at the Imjin River battle during the Korean War, officers and men of the 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment, were prisoners of war in North Korea for more than two years

GLOSTER PoWs RETURN

OFFICERS' TERRIBLE EXPERIENCES'

From Our Special Correspondent

Southampton, Oct 14: Lieutenant-Colonel J.P. Carne, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment, whose heroic stand during the Imjin River battle in April 1951 was one of the most glorious fighting achievements of the Korean War, came ashore from the troopship *Empire Orwell* here today with 76 of his officers and men who, like him, had been prisoners of war in North Korea for more than two years. As he stepped on to the quayside he was loudly cheered by his men and the band of the battalion played the regimental march *The Kynegad Slashers*.

In the flag-bedecked customs shed, Colonel Carne was welcomed by his wife and by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edward Wetherall, colonel of the regiment. When the men followed their colonel ashore there were happy scenes as they ran to meet their families.

Colonel Carne, praising the fighting qualities of his men, said: "I think they were magnificent before they were captured and from all I have heard the majority kept their heads up amazingly well afterwards. Soon after the Glosters reached the prison camps conditions began to improve slowly, but in the following months many of us showed signs of beri-beri or had other ailments due to vitamin deficiency. Under such conditions, life and health are not wholly dependent on food, shelter and clothing; it is to their own resolution and optimism that some of the credit must be given for the fact that few British soldiers died in captivity."

Many NCOs and men with strong characters came to the fore, said Colonel Carne, exposing the inaccuracies of the Communist propaganda and presenting their own more rational opinions. Most of them suffered for thus openly expressing their views. The Chinese methods of punishment were often primitive and several officers had very unpleasant, sometimes terrible, experiences.

"Concerning the effect that this treatment has had on us," he continued, "I know that some men have been converted to Communism, but there are also some who are far more anti-Communist than they were before. Most of them appear to have been affected very little by their captivity."

Major E.D. Harding said that in January 1952, he was accused with Colonel Carne of disrupting the study programme and of having a generally hostile attitude towards the Communists. For three weeks they were kept in small cells with only sorghum to eat twice a day. By this time, the Chinese had discovered evidence of their "misdeeds".

"We were taken before the other officer prisoners to read out statements," said Major Harding. "The atmosphere was pretty tense when Colonel Carne was reading. There were some stout chaps in the audience and they knew what the form was. When Colonel Carne finished reading there was a loud cheer and all sorts of remarks were hurled at the Chinese. Ten days' later we were both sentenced to six months' imprisonment."

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Rockets and squibs

PAPER ROUND

Brian MacArthur

THERE was great amusement to be had from national newspaper front pages last Saturday as editors celebrated their September sales victories and heaped scorn on their rivals.

Once it was *The Sun* that "soared" away. Now the *unlikeliest broadsheets are* apparently lifting off and using the same adman's hyperbole. As *The Times* merely "forged ahead", *The Daily Telegraph* announced only a "success story" and the tabloid *Daily Mail* "surged", it was *The Guardian*'s sales that were "soaring" and *The Independent*'s that were "rocketing". Can all the claims really be true?

Writing the monthly "puffs" about circulation successes is a fine art. Inconvenient facts are conveniently ignored and an economy with the truth is often required. September was indeed a month of almost universal success but no paper mentioned the main reason — the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, on September 1.

That reflects the sensitivity of managements to any suggestion that newspapers "profited" from the Princess's death. Yet newspapers always profit from a tragic event since readers flock to buy them. Another truth from that week is that several newspaper groups donated significant sums to the Princess's memorial fund and lost money when big companies cancelled advertising. Nevertheless, up to ten million extra papers were probably sold in the nine days after September 1.

On weekdays the *Mail* (up 123,000), *The Mirror* (66,500) and *The Times* (54,600) achieved the highest sales rises. But it was the two liberal-left papers that won the highest percentage *monthly sales* increases (see table). Both *The Guardian* and *The Independent* have republican sympathies but each devoted pages to the story and found an avid audience. On Sundays, the biggest rises in sales went to the *News of the World* and *The Sunday Times*, but *The Observer*, *Independent on Sunday* and *The Sunday Times* gained the *biggest percentage increases*.

EXAM QUESTION FOR JOURNALISM STUDENTS

Aware of the sensitivites of the public and the Press Complaints Commission code of conduct, no national newspaper has published any extract from the tape-recordings by the Princess published in Andrew Morton's *Diana: Her True Story — In Her Own Words*. Yet the book is on sale in almost every bookshop and set an all-time record in the bestseller lists last week. So why do such booksellers as Dillons, Waterstone's and Books Etc escape the outcry that would have occurred if a newspaper had published the sensational 18,000 words that are the core of the revised book?

The second reason for September's successes was price-cutting, particularly by *The Independent*, and cheap subscription schemes, particularly by the *Telegraphs*. Strip away sales at less than the full cover price and the stories are somewhat different from those told on Saturday's front pages.

The Independent: Sales "rocket" by nearly 12 per cent over August to 288,000, "the highest percentage rise of *any* national newspaper". Untrue: *The Independent on Sunday* and *The Observer* did better. It was the highest of any *daily* newspaper as *The Guardian*, its main rival, pointed out, adding that *Independent* sales at full price were 206,000, down from 237,000 a year ago and "the lowest full-price sale in the history of the newspaper".

The Daily Telegraph: At 1,129,777, sales up by 4 per cent on August. True enough — but as the *Daily Mail* pointed out, the *Telegraph* achieved that figure only by "bolstering its flagging sales through cut-price subscriptions of nearly 300,000 copies a day". At full price, sales of *The Daily Telegraph* were 800,163, only 58,000 ahead of *The Times* instead of the 308,000 it proclaimed.

The Guardian: A sin of omission only. It paid tribute to its sister paper, *The Observer*, for achieving the highest percentage of any *Sunday* paper. An oversight, or could it be family jealousy — *The Observer's* was the highest of *any* paper, daily or Sunday.

The circulations of three other papers also look less satisfactory when sales below cover price are deducted: *The Express* falls below a million, *The People* falls below two million and *The Express on Sunday* is only 37,000 over the magic million. October sales will be a truer test of performance.

'SOARAWAY' SEPTEMBER SALES

Dailies	Total sales	Change on August (%)	Sales at full cover price
Sun	3,887,097	0.80	3,449,989
Mirror	2,442,078	2.80	2,319,809
Star	631,853	-1.18	631,213
Mail	2,344,183	5.60	2,168,380
Express	1,241,336	2.10	941,374
Times	821,000	7.13	742,236
Telegraph	1,129,777	4.00	800,163
Guardian	428,010	10.60	420,721
Independent	288,182	11.80	206,181
FT	326,516	5.80	314,837
Sundays			
NoW	4,620,415	3.90	4,620,166
Mirror	2,424,000	5.30	2,315,307
People	2,001,978	4.90	1,932,033
Mail	2,322,423	4.70	2,267,241
Express	1,261,690	10.00	1,037,331
Times	1,449,113	11.50	1,374,599
Telegraph	938,253	6.76	512,168
Observer	498,086	19.73	475,875
Independent	311,321	13.00	274,190

Source: ABC September

Chris Evans is pushing to be a heavyweight media tycoon. **Chris Ayres** reports

Flaming cheek or ginger nut?

Chris Evans and John Revell, centre, with the Ginger Productions team

Having an ego the size of a small planet has both benfited and damaged Chris Evans. It has powered his stratospheric ambition, taking him to the top of the entertainment profession, and allowed him to create a business empire worth at least £35 million.

But his ego has also made him boastful and insecure, and has given him a reputation as an emotional loose cannon. Such factors threaten to thwart Evans's long-term ambition to become a heavyweight media tycoon.

After an abrupt departure from Radio 1 earlier this year, Evans renewed his radio career on Monday as Virgin's star breakfast presenter. Since signing his ten-week contract, Evans has already begun to play power games with his new employer, publicly bragging about his ambition to buy the station, along with its rival Talk Radio.

When Matthew Bannister, the Controller of Radio 1, claimed on Monday that Evans had asked for his BBC job back — on the same day that Zoe Ball and Kevin Greening began presenting the station's breakfast show — eyebrows at Virgin must have been raised even further.

Evans's media empire does not yet extend much beyond Soho, although he has aggressive plans for expansion. He owns a bewildering group of companies with the word Ginger in their title, generally referred to by the press as Ginger Productions or the Ginger Group.

John Revell, Evans's business partner and co-presenter — known to listeners as "Johnny Boy" — inevitably does not play down the group's ambitions. "It was never intended for Ginger just to make programmes," he says. "The *raison d'être* of the company is to acquire talent, not only on-air talent but production talent.

"I would like us to have a fairly large media group. I see us doing that through television, which is Chris's business and capable of generating large amounts of cashflow, and through radio. On the periphery we have an Internet business, and are looking at the digital explosion that is about to happen."

After leaving Radio 1 Evans decided to concentrate on developing Ginger Television, which he owns entirely. The company currently produces *TFI Friday* for Channel 4, earning it an estimated £13 million a year. Revell also persuaded him to create Ginger Radio, a jointly owned spin-off from Ginger Air, the company that produced Evans's breakfast show for Radio 1.

Revell may look harmless but he has proved himself to be a ruthless and focused understudy to Evans. As programme director of Virgin Radio in the early 1990s, Revell was responsible for hiring Russ and Jono as breakfast DJs. He has no regrets that they were unceremoniously dumped to make way for Evans's breakfast show. He sees it simply as an occupational hazard.

Evans and Revell have known each other for nine years. Both worked their way up the radio ladder from local BBC stations, and neither went to university. "In the past Chris has been volatile and I have been more of a calming influence," Revell says. "I have seen him mature over the past two years, from this tyrannical screaming raging lunatic that everyone reads about." "But he had to go through that to get what he wanted. He's more relaxed, more reasonable now."

No matter what he privately thinks of Evans, the Ginger empire has allowed Revell to pursue his own ambitions. "I have a lot of skills over and above just making programmes or being a producer. I know how commercial radio works internally. Heaven forbid, if Chris was run over by a bus tomorrow we would want to keep on trading because we have a lot of talented people working in the company."

The success of Ginger will depend heavily on Revell. Although Evans has the potential to earn huge amounts of money, that will not be enough to form a successful media empire. Companies such as Sky and Pearson, with whom Ginger is in joint venture discussions, are unlikely to tolerate any histrionics from Evans.

Meanwhile, the radio side of Evans's business is set to see the fastest growth. Ginger is trying to buy into troubled Radio Ireland and is also competing for North West and North East licences with DMG, the commercial radio arm of the Daily Mail and General Trust. It is also looking for opportunities in Eastern Europe and has been offered a national network in Russia.

However, the radio business has not been a complete success. As part of The Edge, a consortium which included the billionaire financier George Soros and Michael Caine, the actor, it failed to win London's last FM licence earlier this year. The licence instead went to Xfm, the alternative music station backed by Robert Smith of The Cure. The Edge is now focusing on setting up a pan-European station, in which Ginger is likely to hold a stake.

Ginger Television continues to rake in cash, and has just been commissioned to produce two programmes, one about golf called *Tee Time* and the other about modelling.

Meanwhile, the multimedia arm of Ginger is about to launch a daily online football magazine. "If you're a football fan, you can log in and get daily updates on any team — everything you want to know," Revell says. "It will have a network of stringers all over Britain giving audio feeds."

The ultimate success of the Ginger empire will depend on Evans's personal input to his businesses. Fortunately for investors, his interests are so diverse that his talent to create enemies is likely to be focused only on those who work directly with him.

If not, Evans's boasts and behind-the-scenes political wrangling could put his business out in the cold for good. Then he would have to rely only on his talents as a broadcaster, which will not remain in favour for ever.

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A sorry tale of fact and friction

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Factual programmes, such as the BBC's fly-on-the-windscreen *Driving School*, are once again big business

Viewers cannot get enough of factual programmes, so why are ITV's documentaries in such a parlous state? **Sue Summers** reports

Roger James: taking his leave of Carlton

You may think documentaries are in a parlous state on ITV, but if it hadn't been for Roger James it could be even worse. As head of Carlton's documentary department, James was powerless to stop the banishment of many factual programmes to the graveyard shift of 10.40pm. But he has succeeded in keeping some of the big names of the ITV documentary — such as John Pilger and Antony Thomas — on the screen.

James began his career in the fine documentary tradition of Central TV, which Carlton swallowed up in 1994. Now 51, he has been shown the door by Carlton — just when he is chairing this week's Sheffield International Documentary Festival, an event which is celebrating the renaissance of the factual programme on British television over the past few years.

Carlton insists that James has resigned voluntarily and refuses to disclose the reasons why. James will not be drawn on the subject, beyond saying that he is sad to be leaving. But insiders say his departure has its roots in friction with the company's programme controller. Steve Clarke, former head of regional programmes at Central, whose main claim to fame has been ITV's much-derided monarchy debate.

On the face of it, this looks like a confrontation between a dinosaur from ITV's heavyweight past and a representative of the new, more accessible and commercially minded present. Except that one of James's recent commissions was *Neighbours from Hell*, a documentary glimpse of modern British life, which won ITV an audience of 11.74 million last July in a 9pm slot, and so impressed the Network Centre that it promptly commissioned an entire series of the same name.

That series will now have to be put together without input from the team which made the original such a success. Not only will James have left Carlton, but both the director, Rod Williams, and the director who devised the idea, Mark De Beaufort, have declined to work on it.

"The irony is that Roger has managed to maintain all the traditions of the ITV documentary, in terms of making programmes which win awards and favourable reviews, but also demonstrated that he can deliver ratings," says one producer. "In any other system he would be given a bottle of champagne, not the order of the boot."

As John Willis, the former Channel 4 programme controller, will tell delegates at Sheffield in his keynote address later this week, factual programmes — so often written off as part of a moribund and audience-unfriendly genre — are currently on the crest of a wave. From critical successes such as *The House* and *The Nazis* at one end of the spectrum to mainstream hits like *Driving School* and *Animal Hospital* at the other, with numerous *Cutting Edges*, *Secret Histories* and *Modern Times* underpinning the schedules in between, the documentary has become big business.

Or at least it is on the BBC and Channel 4, and on niche broadcasters such as Discovery. ITV has so far seemed unable to capitalise on the revival of factual programming, moving between a PR disaster such as the monarchy debate on the one hand and on the other, expensively funded traditional documentaries, generally transmitted late at night with the minimum of fanfare.

"I'd argue that if ITV isn't careful, it will have lost the high ground without having embraced the more accessible ground," Roger James says. "The tragedy is that in many people's minds within ITV, documentaries are seen as boring programmes which have no place in the schedule, because they're associated with the past and with the work of the regulators.

"As soon as regulation seemed less oppressive, after the last franchise round, ITV's first thought was how to get rid of factual programmes and this has given it a real problem over the past two or three years as they've become more successful."

But with the recent departure of Marcus Plantin, the ITV network director, the climate may be changing. ITV's shrewd new director of programmes, David Liddiment, has "categorically" denied it, but it seems that one of his first moves was to try to poach the man who has been chiefly responsible for the factual programming explosion — the BBC's head of documentaries and history, Paul Hamann.

Since the success of his first factual soap, *Children's Hospital*, three years ago, Hamann has doubled the size of his department. He has followed up with even bigger hits, such as *Animal Hospital*, *Airport* and the recent *Driving School* — which won an audience of 12 million against just 6 million for the ITV opposition, *The Bill*. The economics, too, are persuasive: £125,000 or less for an hour's documentary, compared with £650,000 or more for an hour's drama.

As Hamann puts it: "If you can make *Children's Hospital* for one quarter or one third of the cost of *The Bill* and you can outgun *The Bill* in the ratings, why spend more money on making a drama series which might not attract the audience?"

The BBC has also enabled Hamann to commission heavyweight series like *The Nazis* and to establish two of TV's sharpest single documentary slots in *Inside Story* and *Modern Times*. ITV could never match that breadth. But after losing out to Peter Salmon for the controllership of BBC1, Hamann was obviously judged to be ripe for a move.

"I couldn't leave, actually, because I think I have built up the best team in the business and I didn't want to damage it," he says. "But the whole landscape of ITV factual, unlike other parts of the schedule, needs a complete rethink. Marcus's biggest downside was his dislike of popular factual entertainment. It was quite extraordinary that he didn't take us on, but there's no doubt in my mind that David Liddiment will focus on the early slots much more."

As he prepared to leave ITV, however, Roger James sees "one danger in this great factual programme renaissance.

"The worry is that we will all get so carried away with factual's ability to deliver ratings to such a degree that we won't fight for and produce the more challenging programmes," he says.

"ITV still does them but I'd argue that it's getting harder. In the old days I was able to commission 15 network documentaries a year. Now I'm pitching to the Network Centre like any other independent and I'm lucky if I get six away.

"And the BBC too must guard its traditions. If I weren't reminded from time to time by heavyweight series like *The Nazis*, I'd ask myself, 'Isn't the BBC just a little too obsessed with the popular these days?'"

Pay up and play the game

RAYMOND SNODDY

It may seem like small potatoes when compared with the future of the ingle European currency or eace talks anywhere, but the overnment still has to de-ise one tricky problem this utumn — what sports events hould be available "free" on ational television and what hould be left to free market rces and subscription arges.

Ask any viewer and the swer is simple. He or she ants everything without having to pay an additional fee or the need to buy a satellite dish or pay for a cable connection. In the real world the arguments are much more complex and finely balanced.

All around the world, sport is being driven by the business imperative and most of the money comes from the sale of television rights. Telling a football club quoted on the stock market that it cannot charge for what is simply an electronic version of the turnstile is an obvious interference with intellectual property rights.

The sums involved are huge — and that money has been used to improve playing standards and rebuild crumbling stadiums. The cricket authorities were quick to shout "no ball" when threatened with going on the official list that would prevent them getting what they saw as the full value for their rights.

On the whole, the effect of satellite broadcasters — such as British Sky Broadcasting, in which News International, owner of *The Times*, has a 40 per cent stake — has been positive. Apart from the effect of the extra money that has gone to the Premiership clubs, satellite and cable allow the extra time and space to be devoted to sports, far beyond what a mixed schedule terrestrial broadcaster could justify.

And yet society has an interest here. In an increasingly fragmented world, sport is coming to fulfil a more and more important role as something to bind the nation and allow, for an hour or two, shared moments of triumph or despair.

> 'More and more, sport fulfils the role of binding the nation'

For that reason the House of Lords was absolutely right to rebel against the previous Government and include a shortlist of events, such as the World Cup finals and the Wimbledon finals, which have to be available to terrestrial television — to all of us. History and tradition here play a part. People do not like suddenly having to pay for what was once free.

The question now for Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, is should the list be expanded, and if so, what should be on it?

Should Saturday's vital World Cup qualifying game against Italy have been on terrestrial TV, as some argued, even though to insist on it would have meant finding a way to block a legal transaction between a willing seller, the Italian authorities, and a willing buyer, BSkyB?

Gerald Kaufman and his National Heritage Select Committee (as it was) got it right when they argued that the aim should be to protect those events that attract almost everyone, including those who would not normally watch the sport involved. An obvious example is the Grand National, itself a listed event, although definitions are obviously subjective. Viewing figures provide something to work on — some indication of a scale of social support and a relative measure of deprivation if an event is not available on terrestrial television.

A second principle would be to set out more clear-cut rules for making recordings of subscription events available. Short snippets, or "news access" as it is known, should be routinely available and a tariff established for showing full recordings soon after the event. For ITV to be able to show the Italy-England match in full just after it had finished, in return for paying a rumoured one third of what BSkyB paid for the full rights, looks a useful precedent.

One difficult question remains — how to deal with the financial injustice that a sports organisation suffers by having its top events "listed".

One possible way out would be to provide some modest compensation for the owners of listed events. The obvious providers would be subscription broadcasters, and the sports which benefit hugely from selling subscription rights with pay-per-view rights to come. It may seem terribly unfair to make a subscription broadcaster pay for something for which it cannot bid but, believe me, subscription televised sport is a terrific business and it would be a small price to pay for political and social acceptance. Of course, a little lottery money might also be diverted.

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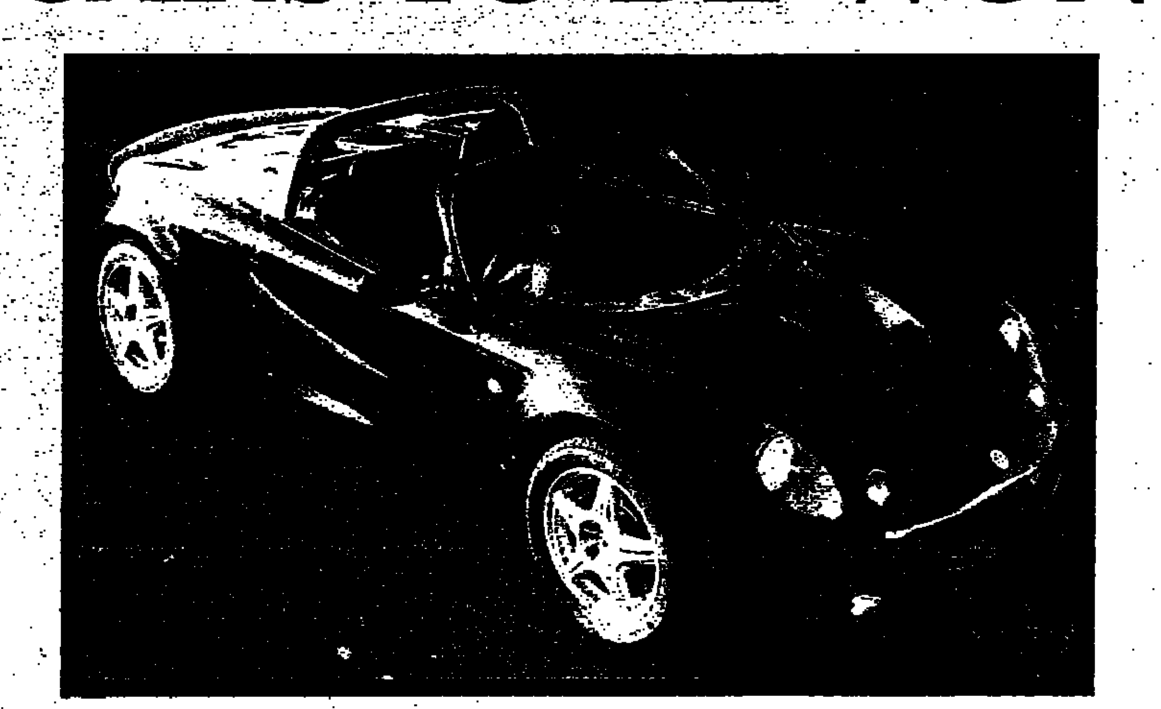

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Booker Prize for debut novelist

■ Debut novelist Arundhati Roy has won the 1997 Booker Prize. She was the favourite for the £20,000 award. Professor Gillian Beer, who chaired the judges, said: "The extraordinary linguistic inventiveness of Arundhati Roy funnels the history of south India through the eyes of seven-year-old twins ... Page 1

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Mohamed Al Fayed was accused by Neil Hamilton of ordering his staff to break open a safe deposit box at his Harrods' store which was owned by his bitter business rival Tiny Rowland ....Pages 1, 12

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Galliano courts Paris establishment

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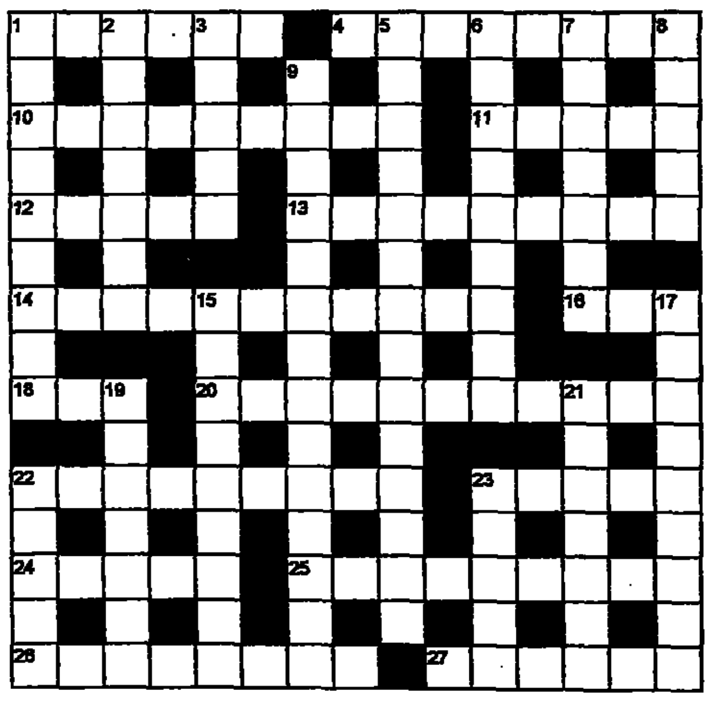

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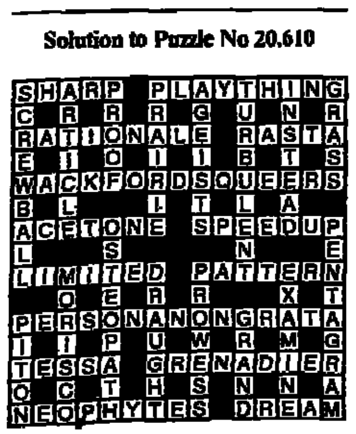

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Yesterday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Spadeadam, Cumbria, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Lough Fea, Co Tyrone, 0.83in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, West Sussex, 5.3hr.

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☐ **General:** Scotland and most of England will start dull as a band of rain moves eastwards during the early morning. A few heavier bursts are possible in the south. Northern Ireland and Wales will also start rather cloudy but will be drier. This dry weather will soon push across to all other parts.

Tonight western Scotland will have heavy rain and strengthening winds. Eastern Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and western England will have light rain. Eastern and southeast England will be dry but cloudy.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Channel Isles:** dull at first with rain, at times heavy, dry and brighter this afternoon. Moderate southwest winds. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Central N England, NE England:** cloud and light rain clearing early, dry with sunny intervals this afternoon. Light westerly winds. Max 15-17C (59-63F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** mostly cloudy but dry, bright inland later but coasts and hills will stay dull. Moderate westerly winds. Max 14-16C (57-61F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** dull with drizzle at first, brighter this afternoon with some sunshine in sheltered areas. Moderate southwest winds. Max 13-15C (55-59F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland:** cloudy with rain and drizzle; drier later this afternoon. Moderate southwest winds. Max 13-15C (55-59F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** dull with occasional rain, at times quite heavy. Fresh southeast winds. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Republic of Ireland:** some bright spells, then rain spreading from west. Wind southwest, moderate or fresh. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook:** rather cloudy but it will be mild and quite warm in the south. It will be windy. There will be more rain in Northern Ireland.

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	X					Lerwick	0.3	0.03	9	48	r
Anglesey	0.8	0.25	11	52	r	Leuchars	0.5	0.03	9	48	r
Aspatria	0.4	0.09	8	46	r	Littlehmptn	2.0	0.01	1152		b
Aviemore	0.6	0.13	7	45	r	London	0.8	0.01	11	52	c
Belfast	1.2	0.40	9	48	r	Lowestoft	-	0.05	9	48	r
Birmingham	-	0.07	9	48	r	Manchester	0.3	0.16	9	48	r
Bognor R	5.3	-	1254		b	Margate	0.4	-	10	50	du
Bournem'th	1.5	0.01	1254		b	Minehead	2.0	0.03	11	52	sh
Bristol	0.4	0.08	11	52	r	Morecambe	0.3	0.18	10	50	r
Buxton	-	0.15	7	45	r	Newcastle	X				
Cardiff	1.2	0.05	11	52	r	Newquay	X				
Clacton	0.6	0.07	9	48	du	Norwich	0.2	0.13	9	48	c
Cleethorpes	-	0.02	948		c	Oxford	0.9	0.03	11	52	r
Colwyn Bay	-	0.17	10	50	d	Penzance	X	0.01	X	X	du
Cromer	0.1	0.09	10	50	r	Poole	1.3	0.01	1457		c
Eastbourne	X					Prestatyn	X	0.15	11	52	r
Edinburgh	0.8	0.03	9	48	r	Ross-o-wye	0.8	0.06	11	52	r
Eskdalemuir	0.1	0.08	6	43	r	Salcombe	2.8	0.01	1355		b
Exmouth	1.9	0.01	1152		c	Saunton Snd	1.6	-	13	55	du
Falmouth	1.0	-	1457		c	Scarborough	0.2	0.02	7	45	du
Fishguard	1.0	0.21	10	50	r	Shrewsbury	X				
Folkestone	0.6	0.06	1152		c	Skegness	-	0.08	948		sh
Glasgow	0.4	0.07	9	48	r	Southend	0.4	0.01	10	50	du
Guernsey	3.9	0.01	1559		c	Southport	0.8	0.15	11	52	r
Hastings	1.4	-	1152		c	Southsea	5.0	-	1355		b
Hayling I.	X	-	1254		b	Stornoway	-	0.33	10	50	r
Herne Bay	0.4	0.01	948		c	Swanage	3.1	0.01	1355		d
Hove	2.4	-	1152		b	Teignmouth	2.4	0.01	1254		sh
Hunstanton	X	0.01	9	48	du	Tenby	0.5	0.02	12	54	r
Isle-of-man	0.5	0.20	10	50	r	Tiree	0.3	0.58	11	52	r
Isle-of-wight	4.5	0.01	1254		b	Torquay	2.7	0.01	1355		b
Jersey	3.6	-	1355		b	Tynemouth	X	0.01	9	48	r
Kinloss	0.1	0.10	9	48	r	West-s-mare	-	0.06	11	52	r
Leeds	0.6	0.03	9	48	r	Weymouth	2.8	0.01	1355		s

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	f	Corfu	25	77	s	Majorca	16	61	t	Rome	22	72	t
Akrotiri	28	82	s	C'phagn	10	50	f	Malaga	27	81	s	S Frisco	18	64	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Dublin	10	50	f	Malta	X			S Paulo	X		
Algiers	21	70	r	Dubrovnik	20	68	s	Melb'rne	15	59	s	Salzburg	10	50	c
Amst'dm	10	50	s	Faro	25	77	s	Mexico C	X			Santiago	15	59	r
Athens	26	79	f	Florence	19	66	c	Miami	29	84	s	Seoul	19	66	s
B Aires	X			Frankfurt	10	50	s	Milan	20	68	s	Sing'por	31	88	c
Bahrain	35	95	s	Funchal	24	75	f	Montreal	18	64	s	St'kholm	3	37	f
Bangkok	31	88	f	Geneva	11	52	f	Moscow	11	52	f	Strasb'rg	10	50	c
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	23	73	s	Munich	8	46	c	Sydney	21	70	s
Barcelona	22	72	s	Helsinki	5	41	f	N Delhi	29	84	s	Tangier	23	73	f
Beirut	29	84	s	Hong K	X			N York	19	66	f	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Belgrade	12	54	c	Innsbrck	8	46	c	Nairobi	25	77	f	Tenerife	29	84	s
Berlin	10	50	r	Istanbul	23	73	f	Naples	21	70	r	Tokyo	20	68	s
Bermuda	24	75	f	Jeddah	37	99	s	Nice	21	70	s	Toronto	20	68	s
Biarritz	13	55	r	Jo'burg	18	64	c	Oslo	12	54	s	Tunis	26	79	f
Borde'x	15	59	f	L Angels	25	77	s	Paris	13	55	f	Valencia	23	73	s
Brussels	5	41	r	L Palmas	27	81	s	Peking	24	75	s	Vanc'ver	12	54	c
Budapst	13	55	f	Le Touqt	10	50	f	Perth	20	68	f	Venice	19	66	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Lisbon	21	70	s	Prague	8	46	c	Vienna	11	52	f
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Locarno	19	66	f	Reykjavik	7	45	r	Warsaw	10	50	f
Ch'church	X			Luxembg	7	45	c	Rhodes	25	77	f	Wash'ton	25	77	f
Chicago	10	50	r	Luxor	36	97	f	Rio de J	26	79	f	Wel'ngton	16	61	-
Cologne	10	50	c	Madrid	17	63	s	Riyadh	33	91	s	Zurich	10	50	f

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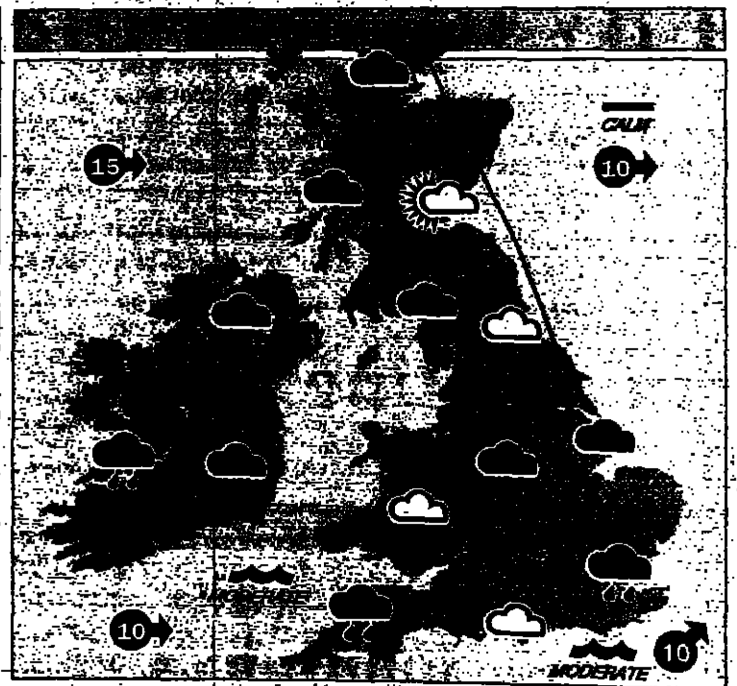

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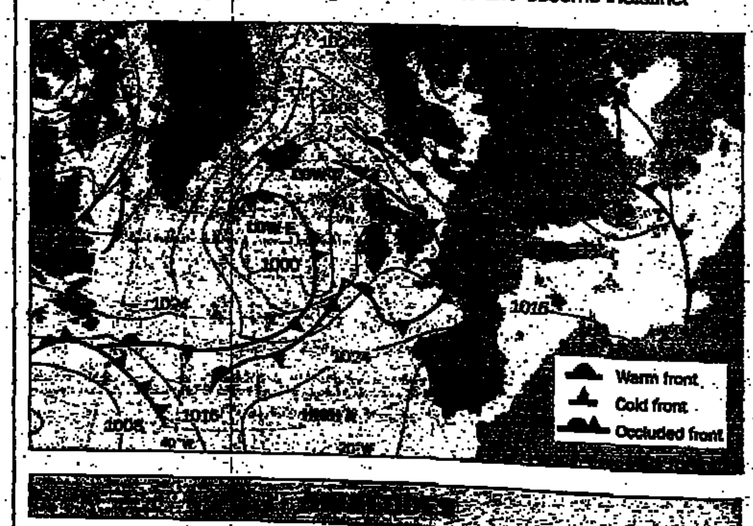

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Belfast	10.57	3.5	23.12	3.7
Cardiff	06.56	12.5	19.19	13.0
Devonport	05.37	5.6	17.56	5.8
Dover	10.55	6.9	23.18	6.9
Dublin (N Wall)	11.42	4.2	23.49	4.5
Falmouth	05.08	5.4	17.27	5.6
Greenock	00.11	3.7	12.36	3.5
Harwich	11.45	4.1	-	-
Holyhead	10.17	5.7	22.30	6.1
Hull (Albert D)	05.59	8.8	18.39	8.9
Ilfracombe	05.53	9.4	18.15	9.9
King's Lynn	06.04	7.2	18.47	7.1

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Leith	02.08	5.7	14.41	5.9
Liverpool	11.12	9.7	23.31	10.1
Lowestoft	09.00	2.7	21.51	2.6
Margate	11.44	4.9	-	-
Milford Haven	06.06	7.1	18.28	7.5
Newquay	04.59	7.1	17.21	7.5
Oban	05.48	3.9	18.07	4.4
Penzance	04.29	5.6	16.50	5.9
Portland	06.40	2.2	18.57	2.3
Portsmouth	11.16	5.0	23.39	4.9
Shoreham	11.06	6.5	23.26	6.5
Southampton	10.42	4.9	23.00	4.9
Swansea	06.18	9.8	18.39	10.3
Tees	03.17	5.6	15.54	5.8
Walton-on-N	11.36	4.3		

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Moon rises: 6.07 pm

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London 6.07 pm to 7.26 am
Bristol 6.17 pm to 7.36 am
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Fed chief urges governments to work with markets

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

THE head of America's central bank has issued a call for governments to work with the grain of markets to forestall financial crashes that will reverberate round the world. Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, said that financial integration and growth of derivatives, though a boon, raised the risks of policy mistakes being penalised by financial disruption.

Speaking ahead of the tenth anniversary of the October 1987 international stock market crash, Mr Greenspan said: "Increasing global financial efficiency, by creating the mechanisms for mistakes to ricochet throughout the global financial system, has patently increased the potential for systemic risk."

His words are likely to be seen as preparing the way for some rise in American interest rates, to forestall the impact on Wall Street, where share prices had edged down 0.6 per cent by lunchtime.

Mr Greenspan said that these changes made it more vital than ever before that central banks and governments should pursue sound anti-inflationary policies.

He told the Cato Institute in Washington that the speed of transmission of economic news was a plus for the world economy but had drawbacks. "The turmoil in the European exchange-rate mechanism in 1992, the plunge in the exchange rate of the Mexican peso at the end of 1994 and early 1995 and the recent sharp exchange rate adjustments in a number of Asian economies have shown how the new world of financial trading can punish policy misalignments, actual or perceived, with amazing alacrity".

In thinly veiled advice to Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia, Mr Greenspan said that governments could not reverse technology and that attempts to impose restrictions or controls on financial flows will bring "adverse, unintended consequences". Governments should instead concentrate on issuing timely information about their economies, including foreign exchange obligations, and tailor policies to avoid distorting their financial systems.

At the East Asian Economic Summit in Hong Kong, leaders of Singapore and the Philippines also backed open markets, implicitly disagreeing with Dr Mahathir, who threatened stringent controls to stop speculation but has since moderated his stance.

Goh Chok Tong, the Prime Minister of Singapore, said: "We cannot and must not turn the clock back. Rather, we must turn it forward."

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New York:		
Dow Jones	8073.45	(+1.23)*
S&P Composite	968.03	(-0.07)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	$5\frac{9}{16}$%*	(n/a)
Long Bond	$99\frac{21}{32}$*	(...)
Yield	6.38%*	(...)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	7¼%	(7¼%)
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$	1.6182	(1.6231)
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Yen	197.05	(195.86)
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DOLLAR

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Yen	121.63*	(120.72)
$ Index	105.1	(104.8)

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NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Dec)	$19.95	($20.15)

GOLD

London close	$328.15	($328.85)

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Rush job

St Ives, the printing group, stands to gain up to £30 million this year from the flurry of takeover activity. It commands 20 per cent of the market for printing takeover documents at short notice.
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National Express has secured confirmation of one of its key rail franchises with the announcement of a £41 million order for new trains. Page 28

Berkeley shows the City how to escape MMC

By Paul Durman

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THE innovative structure of a £125 million share issue by Berkeley Group, the upmarket housebuilder, may enable the City to escape a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, its designer claimed yesterday.

John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, recently told the City that he is "minded to refer" the system of underwriting new share issues to the Commission for investigation. The Office of Fair Trading believes the underwriting system may be a complex monopoly that requires companies to pay more than they need when they seek to raise money.

The scheme deployed by J Henry Schroder, the merchant bank, on behalf of Berkeley was estimated to have saved the housebuilder £1.1 million in City fees. Berkeley paid sub-underwriting commissions of 0.3 per cent of the amount raised, a reduction from the traditional 1.25 per cent. Richard Broadbent, head of investment banking at Schroders, said he believed the new approach should mean "Bridgeman will at least give us a further pop before, God help us, he launches an investigation".

The OFT said this development was a new factor that Mr Bridgeman would have to consider before taking a final decision on whether a monopolies investigation was necessary.

It was Schroders that first broke the convention of paying a fixed 1.25 per cent commission to the investors, who guarantee new share issues in its handling of last year's £220 million rights issue for Stakis, the hotels group. Its innovation, inviting sub-underwriters to offer to accept a lower commission rate, has been adopted by other investment banks and, as a consequence, average commission levels have fallen to about 1 per cent.

Schroders has now taken its original idea further. Firstly, it has offered the new shares at a deep discount to the prevailing market price — at 560p against Berkeley's opening price of 760½p. Mr Broadbent said this reduced risks for investors and encouraged them to bid aggressively in their willingness to accept low commissions.

Secondly, Schroders was willing to accept offers from all investors and market-makers, instead of restricting the subunderwriting to the traditionally narrow list of blue chip institutions.

Mr Broadbent said the third and potentially most important change was to allow Berkeley's existing shareholders to participate in the sub-underwriting pro rata to their shareholding. Almost half of the Berkeley issue was underwritten by existing shareholders.

Berkeley, probably the best regarded company in its sector, said it wanted the money to carry on buying land — even though it still has cash from having raised £33 million in a placing at 715p earlier this year. Shareholders are offered two new shares for every nine they hold. Berkeley's shares closed at 728½p — a small increase after adjusting for the rights issue.

Tony Pidgley, the former Barnardo's boy who is Berkeley's chief executive, has overseen a rapid expansion of the company. Berkeley forecast that its profits in the year to next April will be at least £90 million, an increase of 20 per cent over last year's £75 million total.

Tony Pidgley, chief executive, has overseen a rapid expansion of the company

Revised takeover plan lifts WH Smith

By Sarah Cunningham

JEREMY HARDIE and Richard Handover, the chairman and chief executive of WH Smith, have bowed to pressure and agreed to put revised takeover proposals from Tim Waterstone before the troubled retail group's board.

Hopes that the proposals may turn into a full bid helped drive WH Smith's share price 15p higher to 406½p, a level not seen since June.

The board threw out Mr Waterstone's original proposal a fortnight ago. The key changes are believed to be a reduction in the value given to Daisy and Tom, Mr Waterstone's children's shop, from £35 million to nearer £9 million, and a reduction in the level of debt the deal would involve.

There is also a suggestion that the proceeds from disposals of parts of the group, such as Virgin Our Price and the US retail operations, would be returned to shareholders. WH Smith said in a statement that, at the request of Mr Waterstone, their discussions will be kept confidential.

However, Mr Handover is expected to discuss the new proposals with the institutional shareholders he has already agreed to meet later this week.

Ofgas secures cuts in pipeline fees

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

A TWO-YEAR dispute between the gas regulator and BG over pipeline charges ended yesterday with a higher than expected 25 per cent one-off cut. But customers were warned that they may not enjoy the full benefit of the possible £34 cut in bills.

BG, which last year accused Clare Spottiswoode, the industry regulator, of mounting the "biggest smash and grab raid" in corporate history, accepted the cut in licence amendments to implement a Monopolies and Mergers Commission ruling it had already backed.

The jump in the one-off cut on charges levied by Transco, BG's pipeline subsidiary, from the MMC's 21 per cent to 25, has been made because gas volumes going through the system are higher than the MMC had expected. As a result, transport charges must be hit harder to keep revenues within the limits imposed by the MMC. Ofgas believes this could trim an extra £5 from bills on top of the £29 it first suggested. But Centrica is the only Transco gas supply customer obliged to pass through reduced shipping costs.

Sue Slipman, director of the Gas Consumers Council, said: "We welcome this agreement ... however, it would be unwise to raise consumer expectation of price reductions too high." Shipping accounts for less than half of a gas bill and reductions will also be subject to other factors.

Ms Spottiswoode said the pricing regime was "a very calm and clear protection of customer interests". David Varney, chief executive of BG, said: "This is 99 per cent of what the MMC offered us."

BG, formed when British Gas demerged its pipeline operation from its downstream business, is reducing its workforce by 2,500 in a cost-cutting drive it said was necessitated by the MMC ruling. Unison, the public sector union, said it was anxious not to see further job cuts as a result of yesterday's agreement.

Mike Jeram, for Unison, said: "Transco must not be allowed to cut jobs just to maintain dividend payments to shareholders rather than achieve them by other means."

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Electrolux sheds 1,300 jobs in UK

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

ABOUT 1,300 UK jobs are to be axed with the closure of one Electrolux factory and the end of refrigeration production at another.

One union, which has been working with managers on survival plans for the factories in Luton, Bedfordshire, and Spennymoor, Co Durham, called the move "devastating and tragic". The Luton factory will close, while Spennymoor will make only cookers.

The Swedish-owned company said it was transferring the manufacture of refrigerators and vacuum cleaners to factories in other countries, thought to be the United States and Hungary. Doug Collins, regional officer of the AEEU engineering workers union, said: "We will be importing goods and exporting jobs."

The action is part of restructuring announced by the company in June, when it said it must cut 12,000 jobs worldwide. The company said it will keep 3,500 employees in the UK and 100,000 throughout its operations.

Merger top-up for Speciality chiefs

By Carl Mortished

TWO directors of Speciality Shops, the property investment company, will each receive a £180,000 top-up to their pension funds after agreeing to a £37 million takeover bid from Conrad Ritblat, the property consultancy and investment group chaired by John Ritblat.

Conrad Ritblat is making an all-share offer for Speciality Shops, which owns interests in ten shopping centres, including the Waverley centre in Edinburgh and Victoria Place in London. The offer of 162p per share, described as a merger, is based on 54.12 CR shares for 100 Speciality shares and will give Speciality Shops investors a 40.6 per cent interest in Milner Group, the merged company.

David Houghton and Stephen Jaffé, founders and joint managing directors of Speciality Shops, will join the board of Milner Group as deputy chairman and managing director (property), respectively. Together they own less than 0.5 per cent of Speciality Shops, but each is to receive a one-off payment of £180,000 into their respective pension schemes when the merger is declared unconditional.

Philip Lewis, chief executive of Conrad Ritblat, said the payments were intended to reflect a change of status: "When they come on to our board, you could argue there has been a loss of office. They are joint managing directors at the moment. They won't have control on the new board."

A spokesman for BZW, which is advising Speciality Shops said: "The distinction is whether they are being paid in their roles as directors or as a special deal for certain shareholders. We are satisfied that it is the former."

Milner Group will own a property portfolio worth £185 million of which 63 per cent will be retail.

Speciality was floated in 1994 at 130p per share with the acquisition of a shopping centre from Postel Properties, part of the renamed Hermes fund management group. Hermes controls 28 per cent of Speciality and will be accepting the offer.

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Arriva arrives and upsets Sir Tom

By Fraser Nelson

COWIE GROUP, the car dealer and bus operator, has claimed the last laugh in its long-running battle with Sir Tom Cowie, its exiled founder, by stripping his surname from its 92,000 vehicles.

The company is paying £1.5 million for a product relaunch, arguing that Sir Tom's family name sticks in the throats of continental customers. From next week it will begin to spray a new brand name across its buses, car dealerships and fleet hires: Arriva. Cowie clients were told yesterday that the old name was acting as a psychological barrier to growth. Sir James McKinnon, chairman, said: "The Cowie brand simply does not give us the profile we feel we deserve. It fails to travel well into other languages and cultures. The answer is simple. One brand. One company. One vision."

Sir Tom, said yesterday: "This is pathetic snipe at me. It's ludicrous, wasteful and vindictive, but this typifies the kind of idiots I have unfortunately left running the company."

The name change was kept a secret, and about 50 clients were invited to Canary Wharf yesterday without being told the purpose of the meeting. They were told the Cowie name was regressive, while the name Arriva would make the company seem dynamic, proactive and appeal to women for psychological reasons. The change met a mixed reception. One leasing division client said: "As a woman, I couldn't care if the company is called Joe, Fred or Cowie. I look at what the company has to offer on a business basis not by how much I like its name."

Arriva, which means nothing in any language, will be put on every one of Cowie's 77,000 buses and every other brand name — from Green Line to British Bus — will be deleted. Analysts said abolishing the brand names should save £300,000 on repainting buses th. ?move between fleets.

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Transport group wins franchise with £41m rail order

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

NATIONAL EXPRESS has secured confirmation of one of its key rail franchises with the announcement of a £41 million order for new trains.

The bus and train group has been granted a ten-year franchise on its Midland Mainline network following the decision to purchase 17 new trains serving the East Midlands.

The order, which will enable the company to double the number of services south of Derby and Nottingham, follows a 9 per cent increase in passengers in the first year of the franchise.

The trains, to be built by Adtranz in Derby, will be leased over the franchise period from Porterbrook, the rolling stock company. National Express, which runs five rail franchises, was granted a provisional ten-year franchise on the Midland Mainline last year on condition that it increased services and added trains to the network.

The company was required under its franchise agreement to add 12 new trains to its Midlands service, and the larger order was hailed by the company's directors as a signal of the success of the privatised system. It also makes more likely closer coordination between Midland Mainline and Central trains, another franchise working in the Midlands and owned by National Express.

The announcement coincides with pressure from several leading train operating companies for better arrangements to encourage investment in new trains. They are urging ministers to allow the cost of major investment to be spread over a longer period than a single franchise so that they do not have to bear the full burden of investment over a seven, ten or fifteen-year period.

ALAN WELLER

Brian Ivory, left, the chief executive of Highland Distilleries, raises a glass with John Goodwin, chairman, yesterday

Highland attacks rising duty

BY DOMINIC WALSH

JOHN GOODWIN used his last results presentation as chairman of Highland Distilleries to launch a scathing attack on the Government's decision to raise duty on spirits in the New Year.

"Kenneth Clarke reduced it for two successive years," he said. "It was a pretty incredible decision to reverse that. It's anti-British, it's anti-Scottish and it's anti-manufacturing and we can't understand it."

His comments came as Highland, boosted by a maiden full-year contribution from Macallan-Glenlivet, reported pre-tax profits 7 per cent higher at £43.1 million, on turnover 9 per cent better at £201.4 million.

The total dividend rises 7 per cent to 8.9p.

France tries to dispel fears over new defence group

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

FRANCE'S socialist Government yesterday sought to dispel concern that the new defence giant formed around Thomson-CSF and Alcatel Alsthom would act as a brake on European defence industry consolidations.

Alain Richard, the Defence Minister, said that the group, which will also involve Dassault and Aérospatiale, should seek alliances with GEC of Britain and Daimler Benz Aerospace (Dasa) of Germany. However, his comments are unlikely to appease market scepticism over a deal that should end 18 months of hesitation over Thomson-CSF's future and result in its privatisation.

Alcatel's chairman, Serge Tchuruk, emerged triumphant from his battle with Lagardère when the Government said his company, Allied Dassault, would obtain a 25 per cent stake in Thomson-CSF in return for pooling its telecommunications and space business. No cash will change hands.

The announcement was a blow for British Aerospace which, along with Dasa, had backed the bid by Lagardère, owner of Matra. The new group will also include the satellites of the state-owned Aérospatiale, which will obtain a stake of about 10 per cent, as well as the electronics of Dassault.

With Thomson-CSF's staff to be offered a small number of shares, the state will lose control of the group, seeing its stake fall from 58 to about 40 per cent.

Alcatel said in a statement Thomson-CSF would become "number one in the world in military communications, number three in radar, and number four in satellite telecommunications".

M Richard said yesterday the new group was in a good position to conclude alliances with companies such as GEC and Dasa. However, many analysts are not so confident. They believe that the group lacks a clear control-room and could be torn between the diverging interests of its bigger shareholders, the State and Alcatel.

They are also concerned that M Jospin has imposed a "Franco-French solution" that flies in the face of a much-needed restructuring of the European defence sector.

Sun Life Irish disposal

BY RICHARD MILES

SUN LIFE & PROVINCIAL, the life insurer, is selling its life and pensions business in the Republic of Ireland to Bank of Ireland for Ir£213 million (£191.4 million).

Bank of Ireland offered Ir£23.82 per share, a 19 per cent premium on Monday's closing price of Ir£20, for the insurer's 83 per cent stake in New Ireland Holdings. The bank yesterday issued Ir£198.9 million of new shares to help to finance the deal.

Mark Wood, chief executive of Sun Life & Provincial, said the disposal would allow the company to "focus on its key markets" in the UK after a £760 million merger with Axa Equity & Law in July.

Bank of Ireland, which completed its acquisition of Bristol & West Building Society in July, said New Ireland would boost its share of the expanding Irish life and pensions market to 18 per cent, putting it second to Irish Life.

Sales staff suspended

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

LIVERPOOL VICTORIA, which sells savings and insurance policies door-to-door, has suspended its entire sales force indefinitely after discovering problems with staff training and references.

The move is costing the friendly society £1 million in lost business for every month the sales force is off the road. Staff are being compensated for loss of earnings.

The suspension began yesterday and affects all 230 financial advisers and 40 managers. It comes after the Bournemouth society relocated from Central London and underwent a substantial restructuring last year which involved 1,000 redundancies. A large number of new staff were recruited [illegible]

Roy Hurley, chief executive, said the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) had been informed. The company said that it had discovered gaps in references for new staff and in training and competence of existing advisers.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Airbus chairman to leave in shake-up

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE, the pan-European aircraft maker, revealed yesterday that Edzard Reuter, the chairman of its supervisory board, will stand down by the end of this year. The move is part of a restructuring plan under which Airbus would become a stand-alone company at the beginning of 1999. It is now a consortium owned by British Aerospace, Aerospatiale of France, Dasa of Germany and Casa of Spain, and is widely perceived to be unwieldy.

Herr Reuter's replacement will be the head of one of these companies. A new president of Airbus' management is also due to be appointed. Airbus announced that it has received an order from Tunisair of Tunisia worth up to £185 million.

Ramco shares fall again

SHARES in Ramco Energy, which traded at £12.30 earlier this year, fell a further 37½p to 802½p yesterday after the oil and gas group reported pre-tax losses of £379,000 for the six months to June 30, against profits of £853,000 in the first half of the previous year. The loss per share was 1.84p (earnings of 2.91p). Again, there is no interim dividend. The company said its £54 million failed takeover bid for JKX had cost about £400,000. Ramco has operations in Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Czech Republic and Poland.

Payoff for Jerome

S JEROME & SONS, textile manufacturer and supplier to Marks & Spencer, is to pay £297,000 to Stephen Jerome, who quit as joint managing director last month. The sum will be included in restructuring costs for the full year. Pre-tax profits in the six months to June 30 were down from £614,000 to £581,000. The company spent £130,000 on restructuring in the first half. Earnings per share fell to 2.9p (4.6p) and the company will pay an interim dividend of 1.125p (1p) on November 13.

Hanson sale nets $52m

HANSON is raising $52.5 million (£32.5 million) from the sale of its 32 per cent stake in Koppers Industries, a manufacturer and supplier of coke and chemicals. Christopher Collins, Hanson's chairman, said the business came into the group when Hanson acquired Beazer in 1991. The Koppers aggregates business now forms part of Cornerstone, Hanson's sand, gravel and crushed stone operation. The Koppers Industries stake has been bought by its management and their backers.

Burke cashes in shares

TREVOR BURKE, founder of PhoneLink, the telephone information and marketing company, has sold four million of his family's shares at 60p each, raising £2.4 million. The shares, an 8.3 per cent stake, have been sold to Reggeborgh Beheer, a Dutch investment company. Reggeborgh has an option to buy the remaining 34.7 per cent stake owned by Mr Burke's family at 80p per share before April 13, 1998. Reggeborgh also has an option to take its holding to 29.9 per cent up to 15 working days after PhoneLink announces its 1998 to 1999 results.

Henry Boot advances

HENRY BOOT, the Sheffield construction and property group, lifted pre-tax profits to £3.2 million from £2.9 million in the six months to June 30 in spite of a fall in turnover to £60.4 million from £75.5 million. Earnings per share rose by 10 per cent to 8.6p (7.8p) and an interim dividend of 2.3p (2.1p) will be paid on November 18. The group blamed the fall in turnover on a lack of large development sales falling into the period. The company forecasts that turnover in 1997 will be about the same as in 1996.

Ideal lifts dividend

IDEAL HARDWARE, the computer systems distributor, reported pre-tax profits of £10.75 million for the extended 15-month financial year ended August 2 on turnover of £221.6 million. The company said it had achieved further organic growth in a challenging market for information-technology products and services. Earnings were 33.2p a share. Ideal reported pre-tax profits of £7.8 million and earnings of 24.7p a share for the 12 months to May 3, 1996. The final dividend of 3p a share lifts the total to 16.2p a share from 10.8p.

GoshawK back in profit

GOSHAWK INSURANCE HOLDINGS, the specialist Lloyd's of London group, recorded profits of £1.7 million before tax in the first half of 1997, compared with a loss of £2.5 million in the first half of 1996. David Hooker, chairman, said that weak rates and overcapacity were still making Lloyd's a difficult market. An interim dividend of 1.2p (0p), will be paid on December 5. GoshawK recently bought Matheson's Lloyds investment trust for £33.5 million to provide long-term capital for the group and the syndicates it manages.

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Prince takes 5.9% stake in Daewoo

Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal, the Saudi businessman, is to take a 5.9 per cent stake in Daewoo Corporation, the South Korean industrial group. The prince believes that Daewoo is "a well-balanced company" and that "conditions in the Pacific Rim are now ripe for investment".

He said: "This is the first investment in many to come in the region, and I have great confidence in the Far East."

The prince has stakes in Citicorp, the US bank, Apple Computer and a wide range of hotel and leisure companies including Four Seasons-Regent. He has held stakes in Euro Disney and Canary Wharf. The prince is to take the stake via the purchase of $50.5 million (£30 million) of convertible bonds in Daewoo by Kingdom Inc.

Wilmington advances

Wilmington Group, the business magazine publishers, lifted pre-tax profits 32 per cent to £2.72 million on turnover up 15 per cent to £17.8 million in the six months to August 31. Earnings rose 33 per cent to 2.54p a share and a single annual dividend will be paid in July.

Brian Gilbert, Wilmington's chief executive, who completed seven small acquisitions in the past 18 months, yesterday promised a "very satisfactory set of results for the full year". Analysts are predicting pre-tax profits of £5.2 million to £5.3 million. The group listed on the Stock Exchange in December 1995.

Sales surge for Reliance

Reliance Industries, India's largest private sector company, raised its half-year pre-tax profit by 29 per cent to $232 million.

The petrochemicals to textiles group enjoyed a 57 per cent surge in sales to $1.75 billion (£1.1 billion), because of the addition of new capacity at its Hazira plant in Gujarat. Reliance said that its operating margin was maintained at 19 per cent despite lower prices and higher raw material costs.

Departing Shield chief cashes in

BY PAUL DURMAN

THE wildly volatile shares in Shield Diagnostics plunged by 100p to 617½p yesterday as Gordon Hall cashed in two-thirds of his options for £1.5 million or more after making an abrupt departure from his post as managing director.

Mr Hall, 55, was leading the negotiations to secure a marketing deal for Shield's heart disease test, regarded as a potential blockbuster. Hamish Hale, chairman, said Mr Hall had been planning to retire for some time.

Mr Hall's decision to sell was interpreted as a lack of confidence in the progress of the negotiations, although Dr Hale said Shield still hoped to conclude a deal before the end of the year. Mr Hall will continue working on the negotiations as a consultant.

Although Shield's shares have soared this year, it has often seemed accident prone because of leaks of sensitive information, poorly timed share sales by directors and other mishaps.

David Evans, Shield's finance director, has taken over as managing director.

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Canada $	2.383	2.175	Norway Kr	12.06	11.12
Cyprus Cyp£	0.883	0.811	Portugal Esc	301.53	279.50
Denmark Kr	11.40	10.51	S Africa Rd	8.28	7.32
Finland Mkk	9.07	8.32	Spain Pta	251.29	232.50
France Fr	9.99	9.21	Sweden Kr	13.09	11.99
Germany Dm	3.00	2.76	Switzerland Fr	2.52	2.30
Greece Dr	473	434	Turkey Lira	297244	277365
Hong Kong $	13.36	12.16	USA $	1.726	1.583
Iceland	128	108			
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.07			
Israel Shk	5.98	5.33			
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Schroders gets it bang to rights

COMMENTARY

by our City Editor

John Bridgeman set last Friday as the closing date for submissions to dissuade him from launching a full scale Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation into the way the City raises equity capital for companies. They may have missed that deadline, but yesterday the innovative brains at Schroders produced the most eloquent evidence as to why the Director-General of Fair Trading need not interfere in this particular aspect of City business.

The bank's rights issue on behalf of Berkeley Group, the housebuilder, answers any possible qualms that Mr Bridgeman might have about vulnerable corporate customers being held to ransom by a City cartel. If other houses are wise, they should quickly persuade one or two of their clients to go in for a round of fundraising on similar terms, thus providing all the evidence that Mr Bridgeman might need to convince him that the rights issue system can function fairly and efficiently.

The one certainty is that a prolonged MMC inquiry would be a drain on City time, be undeniably highly priced, and the cost would eventually find its way on to clients' bills.

Schroders was one of the first banks to take seriously the threat that Mr Bridgeman posed when he began to query why the total cost of a rights issue was always 2 per cent. For someone whose background was in industry, at Alcan, the newcomer at the OFT might reasonably have thought that he had whiff of an unsavoury cartel.

That he was not entirely wrong is apparent from the fact that the cost of a rights issue is now not always 2 per cent. Without too much trouble, Schroders has brought the cost down to 0.3 per cent by means of a deep discount and tendered sub-underwriting.

This is not the kind of innovation that the giant houses from the United States wanted to see. They have been devoting much effort to persuading Mr Bridgeman that their system of book building is infinitely preferable to the staid old British rights issue, while glossing over the fact that it is generally considerably more expensive. What the Americans would eschew, and the rights issue preserves, is the crucial issue of ownership, in the form of pre-emption rights.

While providing reasonably priced capital for companies is a laudable aim, stripping investors of their rights is hardly the ideal way of achieving it. The investors who own Berkeley retain their pre-emption rights in the latest round of fund raising, and so they should. Mr Bridgeman may have highlighted a problem but if, as it appears, he has inspired the offenders to come up with their own solution, then he should move on to rootle out sharp practice elsewhere. And if the investment banks try to slip back to the comfort of the familiar 2 per cent routine, then perhaps it is up to their clients to insist on a better deal. They could always threaten to head for Schroders.

City must hold out for one set of rules

International trade talks rarely grab headline attention. Tortuously slow and mind-bogglingly detailed, discussions conducted under the auspices of the World Trade Organisation are almost predestined to receive little scrutiny. Thankfully, a paper to be published today by the European Policy Forum provides a timely reminder that talks on financial services liberalisation are fast reaching their December deadline. The paper gives warning that failure to reach agreement would jeopardise the future of the City of London.

Europe, and the UK in particular, has much to gain from a successful conclusion to the talks. Liberalisation would allow UK companies into emerging markets at a time when financial services look ripe for rapid expansion. Insurance premiums account for around 8 per cent of GDP in developed economies but less than 2 per cent of GDP in countries such as Mexico and Turkey. Cynics might also suggest that the insurance industry will be only too willing to expand far from the "naming and shaming" culture of their domestic base. The DTI estimates that in total an agreement could be worth a further £5 billion to the British financial services sector.

Attempts to sign a financial services liberalisation agreement, however, have failed twice before and there is a real danger that the latest round of talks will also stall. European negotiators are caught between an over-enthusiastic United States, inclined to reject anything that stops short of full liberalisation, and the still sceptical Asian and emerging market nations.

The financial markets crisis in South East Asia has hardly helped the liberalisers' cause. The string of banking failures across the region has increased scepticism over further deregulation. The IMF has also muddied the waters with its talk of liberalising capital accounts — a differetnt ambition.

But the report makes the vital point that the aim of an agreement on financial services is not to remove the right of individual nations to regulate their financial markers, but simply to create a level playing field. The report concludes there are grounds for "cautious optimism" but Europe must be prepared to ask for an extension to the talks if necessary.

The alternative — a series of bilateral agreements and even new protective measures in some markets — is not worth countenancing for the City of London.

Utilitarian will called for

Margaret Beckett should have been taking notes yesterday when BG and Ofgas finally kissed and made up after their exhaustive battle over pipeline cost controls.

The President of the Board of Trade has said that predictability in utility regulation will be a priority for the Government in its regulatory review. There can be little less predictable than a two-year tussle which continued into the final throes of implementing an MMC judgment.

After the MMC's recommendation, there proved to be considerable scope for interpretation. Clare Spottiswoode, the regulator, deciding that gas volumes had increased to such a level that the MMC figures were invalidated, suggested capping BG's pipeline revenues. Such an action would have given the business precious little incentive to expand and was abandoned.

Although the MMC is intended to have the final word in disputes there is no legal obligation for the regulator to accept rulings to the letter. Indeed, the Northern Ireland electricity regulator ignored an MMC decision which he did not like.

Regulation is notoriously opaque to the ordinary utility buying person. But when it also interprets rulings by an organisation traditionally regarded as an umpire it is in danger of being unaccountable. Ms Spottiswoode may have finally made a decision that protects customers and rewards shareholders but Labour must ensure that future decisions are not merely the outcome of prolonged scraps.

A matter of thrust

AS THE excruciatingly named *Thrust SSC* hurtled through the sound barrier, the rare sound of rejoicing could be heard at BTR. The conglomerate now being honed into a modern engineering combine contributed to both the brakes and the batteries. Unfortunately, it did so in the name of Dunlop and Hawker, so will have done little to boost BTR in investors' perceptions. Cue for a change of corporate identity? Anything but Thrust plc.

Takeovers win £30m for St Ives

By Fraser Nelson

ST IVES, the printing group, stands to gain up to £30 million this year from the flurry of takeover activity that is expected to dominate the City in the coming months.

The company, which commands 20 per cent of the market for printing takeover documents at short notice, is hoping to win business from Reed Elsevier's merger with Wolters Kluwer and Lafarge's hostile bid for Redland.

Miles Emley, chairman, said: "If I had been asked what the corporate printing market was like two days ago, I would have said things were very quiet. This all changed on Monday and we seem to be in the run for some healthy profits ahead."

His comments came as the company returned a pre-tax profit of £48.9 million in the year to August 1, up from £42.2 million in the previous year and exceeding City forecasts. The shares rose 12½p to 532½p.

The results were helped by the expansion of the magazine market, in which St Ives has a 20 per cent stake, and the increasing number of pages.

Mr Emley said: "The number of pages in magazines is going up by around 5 per cent a month. This is great for us because it is extra revenue at no extra cost; once we've got the original contract, that's it."

The company also won the contract to produce inlays for Elton John's *Candle in the Wind* single, the biggest selling UK record of all time. St Ives is to make a donation, the sum undisclosed, to the Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

Mr Emley played down the amount that the company could make from the venture. He said: "I don't mean to denigrate this order, but the whole thing would have meant around 20 hours work for one of our smaller printing presses."

Earnings were 33.3p a share (28.7p). The dividend rises to 11.6p with a final 8.2p, due December 3.

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Hamleys looks to Teletubbies

By Sarah Cunningham

HAMLEYS, the toy retailer, is counting on Teletubby and Spice Girl dolls to spark the toy market into life before Christmas.

Howard Dyer, chairman, said the toy market is static, but Hamleys continues to see good sales of Tamagotchi "virtual pets" and Star Wars products. Spice Girls merchandise is selling fast and a new range of dolls is due in November. Teletubby dolls are selling out as soon as they reach the shops and demand is expected to outstrip supply before Christmas.

Pre-tax profit in the half-year to August 2 was down from £2 million to £1.35 million, hit by the cost of buying Toystack and developing the House of Toys concessions in Debenhams department stores. The interim dividend, raised from 3p to 3.3p, will be paid on November 21.

Receivers called in at motor group

By Fraser Nelson

FORMULA ONE Holdings, the motor racing memorabilia chain that raised £850,000 on the unregulated Ofex exchange just ten months ago, has fallen into receivership.

The group, which had applied for an Alternative Investment Market listing, has collapsed owing undisclosed debts. It has called in KPMG to sell remaining assets.

Tony Thompson, who is overseeing the disposals, said: "Even after the fundraising, they ran out of money and went into receivership last week." The shops will continue to trade until remaining stock is sold. Mr Thompson said: "We have around £500,000 of stock left."

Former advisers to Formula One suggested its exclusive license to sell Damon Hill memorabilia was devalued by the driver's fall in popularity.

Regal Hotels plans £64m modernisation

By Martin Barrow

REGAL HOTELS is raising up to £64 million to modernise its chain of 99 provincial hotels.

The company plans to spend up to £30 million in the next year refurbishing and rebranding its hotels, which comprise Forte's old White Hart chain acquired from Granada for £122 million and Whitbread's Country Club hotels, bought for £64.5 million.

A further £11.5 million is to be invested in the acquisition of the 402-bedroom Plaza on Hyde Park. The purchase price is thought to be about £45 million and it will be acquired through a joint venture with Regent Corporation, an American company linked to Malayan United Industries. Regal will manage the hotel in return for 10 per cent of operating profits.

Regent has agreed to invest £39.3 million for a 20 per cent interest in Regal at 49.2p per ordinary share and 113p per convertible preference share. There is an open offer of new shares for existing investors.

This is Regal's third fundraising operation in 18 months. Yesterday the shares fell 1p to 46½p, against a 12-month high of 65p struck in February.

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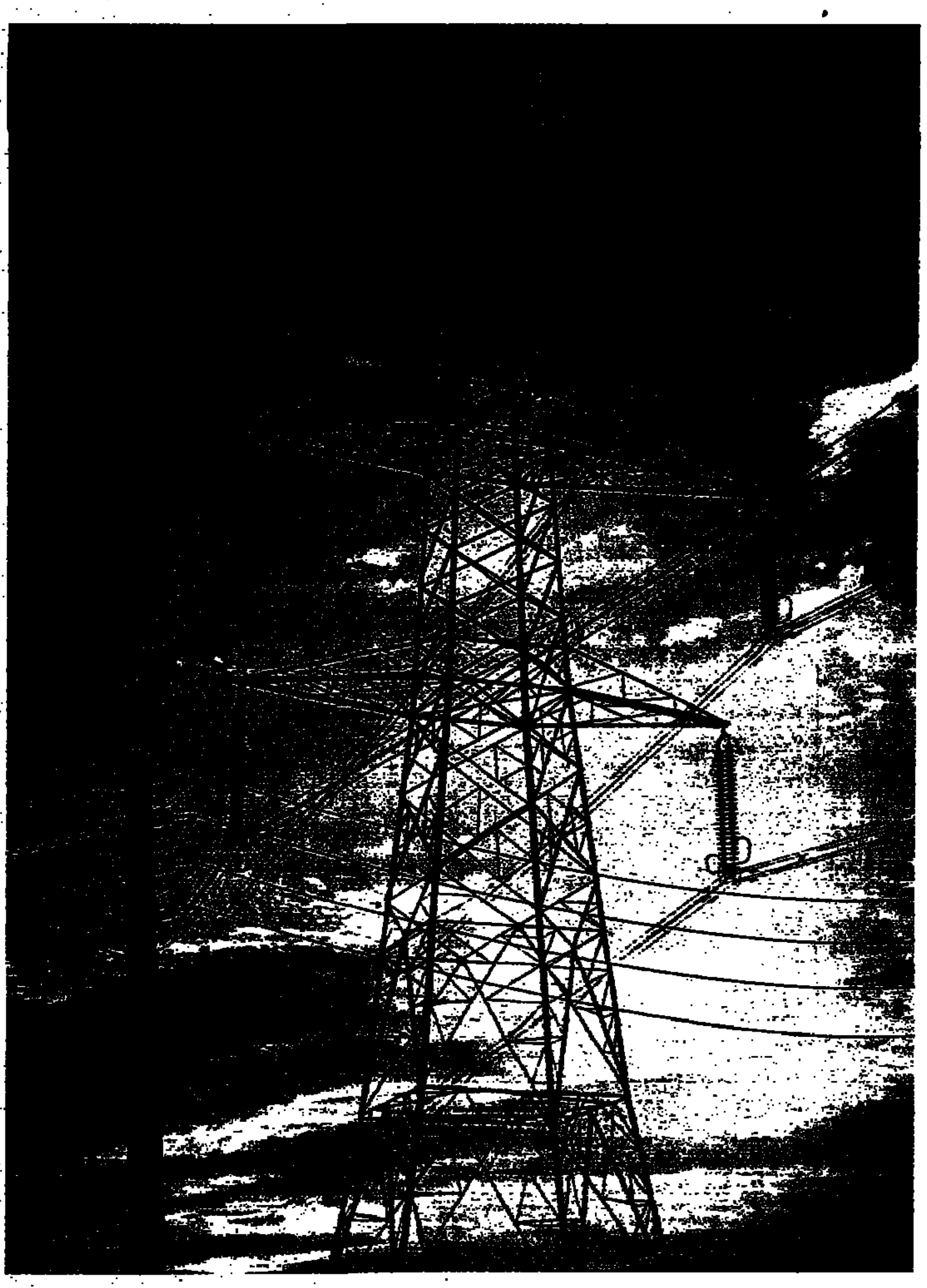

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

New Waterstone chapter pushes WH Smith higher

Brian Edwards, left, and Miles Emley, of St Ives, up 12½p

INVESTORS were being advised to keep an eye out for shares of WH Smith last night as one confident advocate paid a sizeable premium for a parcel of shares just hours after Tim Waterstone's consortium met the company to discuss the terms of its recent offer.

The troubled retailer ended the day 15p better at 406½p as more than 1.5 million shares changed hands. After the official close of business last night one buyer paid 410p for a line of 25,000 shares, raising speculation that a deal of some sort may be imminent.

Earlier this month, Richard Handover, the new chief executive at Smith, dismissed an unofficial approach from Tim Waterstone, founder of the Waterstone book chain it now owns, and Ian Martin, chairman of Unigate. The terms, put together by SBC Warburg, their backer, included a 200p cash payment and one share in the new company being created to make the bid.

But yesterday the newsagent was forced to meet Waterstone and Martin after pressure from its institutional shareholders. It is believed that the consortium has watered down the cash element of the deal to 150p and written down the value of his Daisy & Tom chain of children's stores from £35 million to £9 million.

Nick Bubb at Société Génerale Strauss Turnbull, the broker, said investors are waking up to the fact that Smith is a "no lose situation". He puts a break-up value on the business of 500p a share.

The rest of the equity market recovered from an early rush of profit-takers to end the day virtually all-square. An opening rise on Wall Street, ahead of a speech by Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal Reserve, provided a prop to the market. Worries about a rise next month in interest rates were also soothed by the latest survey from the British Retail Consortium showing a slowdown in consumer spending.

The FTSE 100 index, down 28.1 early on, closed just 1.2 off at 5,298.9 in low turnover of less than 800 million shares.

British Energy hit a new peak with a rise of 23½p at 427½p on talk of a "buy" recommendation from BZW. Claims that Dresdner Kleinwort Benson is ready to publish a bullish note appears wide of the mark. Almost seven million shares had changed hands by the close.

Britton Group was a late casualty, tumbling 24p to 98½p after **Caraustar Industries** decided not to bid. Last week, it made an unofficial approach with an offer of 120p a share. Britton rejected the move despite evidence of institutional backing.

Redland rose 2p to 338½p but remains above the terms worth 320p being offered by Lafarge of France. Brokers are convinced Rudolph Agnew, chairman of Redland, will be able to squeeze better terms of up to 380p a share from the French. City speculators claim **Hanson**, ½p firmer at 309½p and **RMC Group**, 3½p better at 985p, may also bid.

Revived talk of a bid from **RTZ**, down 8p at 984½p, drove **English China Clays** 11½p higher at 271½p with **Pilkington**, up 5p at 167½p, and **Rugby**, 3½p dearer at 134½p, also tipped as potential bid targets.

Reed International, the best performing share among the top 100 on Monday on the news that Reed Elsevier is to merge with Wolters Kluwer, came in for profit-taking. The shares lost 14½p to 614½p.

The composite insurers reacted positively to comments from Société Génerale Strauss Turnbull, the broker. It has upgraded its recommendation in **Commercial Union**, 45p stronger at 864p, from a "hold" to a "buy" while urging clients to switch out of **Royal Sun Alliance**, 5p better at 645p. It is also a buyer of **General Accident**, 28½p dearer at £11.57½. Its comments follow the confirmation of merger talks between **BAT Industries**, down 4p at 605p, and Zurich and the bid by Italy's Generalli for AGF of France.

Traders were ruffled by the news that Gordon Hall had resigned as managing director of **Shield Diagnostics**. The price responded with a fall of 100p to 617½p. Shield is currently testing AFT, a system designed to detect heart disease in the early stages.

Full-year figures from St Ives were at the top end of City forecasts and were duly rewarded with a rise of 12½p at 532½p. Miles Emley, chairman, and Brian Edwards, managing director, said the performance was despite the problems caused by a strong pound.

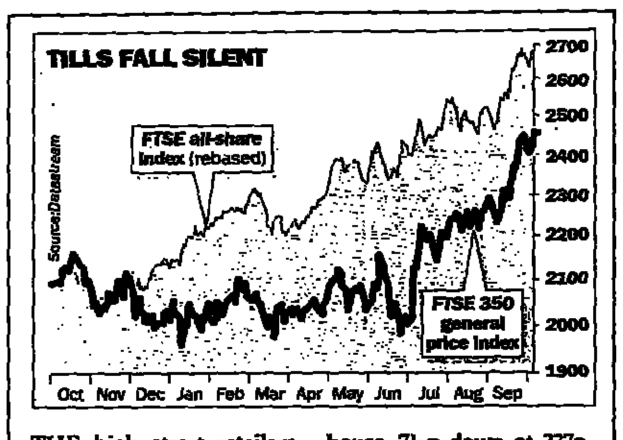
Smiths Industries put on 8p at 975½p ahead of today's full-year figures.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Bond prices continued to feed on speculation that Britain may be poised to join the first wave pf countries signing up for a single European currency.

In futures, the December long gilt put on five ticks to close at £119²¹⁄₃₂ in modest trading that saw 50,000 contracts completed.

Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose seven ticks to £116⅝, while among shorter dated issues Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £⅛ firmer at £103⁵⁄₁₆.

☐ **NEW YORK:** The Dow Jones industrial average shed most of its early gains, following Nasdaq lower on the back of sliding technology stocks. At midday the Dow was 1.23 points ahead at 8,073.45.



THE high street retailers suffered a markdown after the latest survey from the British Retail Consortium showing a further slowdown in consumer spending.

The setback for clothing retailers did not come as a surprise, but a few eyebrows were raised at the drop-off in sales of household goods. This affected the likes of Kingfisher, 12p off at 845½p, and Dixons, 13p down at 682½p. Others to lose ground included Marks & Spencer, 12p lower at 640½p, Boots, 11½p cheaper at 920½, and Storehouse, 7½p down at 237p.

Mal Patel, at Merrill Lynch, said it was a typical over-reaction. The market already knew that clothing sales have been depressed.

"I think investors have decided, we don't know what's happening to interest rates, let's take a profit. There was certainly no reason for knocking the likes of Boots," he added.

Nick Bubb, at SocGen, also believes the market has over-reacted: "The windfall money has not all been spent. We should see still enjoy a strong fourth quarter."

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	8073.45 (+1.23)
S&P Composite	968.03 (-0.07)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	17306.39 (+101.69)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	13836.56 (-236.34)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	935.09 (-3.13)

Sydney:

AO	2662.0 (-1.3)

Frankfurt:

DAX	4202.37 (-29.03)

Singapore:

Straits	1878.25 (+0.56)

Brussels:

General	13951.12 (+52.29)

Paris:

CAC-40	3005.54 (+4.56)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	1242.80 (+3.80)

London:

FT 30	3424.6 (+3.4)
FTSE 100	5298.9 (-1.2)
FTSE 250	4943.8 (+23.8)
FTSE 350	2548.8 (+1.9)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2712.97 (+7.11)
FTSE All-Share	2488.47 (+2.00)
FTSE Non Financials	2901.90 (+4.22)
FTSE Fixed Interest	132.76 (+0.35)
FTSE Govt Secs	100.57 (+0.11)
Bargains	50174
SEAQ Volume	794.6m
US$	1.6182 (-0.0054)
German Mark	2.8414 (-0.0012)
Exchange Index	100.2 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.4433
£:SDR	1.1809
RPI	159.3 Sep (3.6%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	157.8 Sep (2.7%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Aggreko	173½	...
Buckland Inv Wrts	10	...
Buckland Inv	17½	...
Cairngorm Dem IT	95½	...
Cairngrm Dem Wrt	19	...
Cambury Inv Wrts	¾	...
Cambury Invesments	2½	...
Computerland UK	140½	...
Creative Publishing	158	...
I S Solutions	147½	...
Latchways (155)	174½	...
NSB Retail Sys	159½	+ 5
Northern Rock	497	- 7
Nottingham Forest	62	...
SHL Group	278½	+ 9

RIGHTS ISSUES

Consid Coal n/p (5)	1¼	...
Dawn Til Dusk n/p	42½	...
Premier Asset Mgt n/p	1¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Graham Gp	158p (+12p)
Irish Life	359p (+26½p)
Gaskell	398p (+26½p)
Com Union	864p (+45p)
Caird Gp	855p (+42½p)
Psion	475p (+20p)
Ashtead	361p (+13½p)
Smith WH	406½p (+15p)
Roberts Walters	436p (+16p)
JJB Sports	542½p (+19p)
Ranger	688p (+19¼p)
Irish Perm	640p (+20p)
Business Post	525p (+15p)
Sage Gp	716½p (+20p)
EMI	597½p (+15p)
Delphi	692½p (+17p)
Smithkline	623p (+14½p)

FALLS:

RJB	255p (-15p)
Berkeley Gp	728½p (-32p)
Real Time	295p (-10p)
Hays	739½p (-24p)
Boot (Henry)	370p (-11p)
Reuters	736p (-17½p)
Premier Farnell	515p (-11½p)
Marks Spencer	640½p (-12p)

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TEMPUS

Opportunity knocks

RIVAL housebuilders must be sick of reading that Berkeley Group has a record second to none. It has acquired an awesome reputation for its land dealings over the past ten years and that, more than anything, will ensure that the latest £125 million cash call finds backers aplenty.

This is Berkeley's third round of fund raising in under two years, taking the total to more than £230 million. The company has continued to repay its shareholders' indulgence, delivering a strong increase in profits and a steadily rising share price.

Over the past year, Berkeley's confidence in the market has encouraged it to embark on what is almost a buying frenzy. Berkeley admits land prices are becoming "fairly hot", but believes that a focus on urban sites that require significant planning work keeps competition at bay. The arguments are only half-convincing and shareholders may be concerned that this latest cashcall is much more to the company's convenience than their own.

Berkeley has net cash in the bank, and even by its own conservative parameters, it could afford to carry on buying land for another six months. However, Berkeley is nobody's fool: the housing market could look very different in less than a year and the company does well to caution about market cycles.

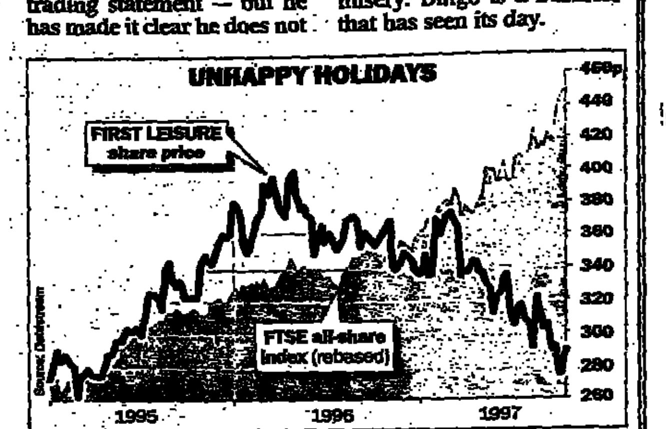
The best thing about this rights issue is that the deep discount saves shareholders about £1 million in costs. Berkeley's record commands loyalty and the timing of the share issue shows that a clever investor has not lost its ability for opportunistic timing, but that is no reason for new investors to climb aboard.

First Leisure

SO SOMBRE was the nation's mood after the death of Princess Diana that holidaymakers decided to forgo the pleasures of Blackpool. At any rate, that is First Leisure's excuse for poor trading in its core operations in September. Given that September is the time when thousands normally flock to see the famous Blackpool Illuminations, one suspects more fundamental trouble than a state funeral. Another factor mooted by the company was building society windfalls: instead of commandeering a charabanc, punters have been using their windfalls to fly abroad.

Behind all the excuses lies the real worry faced by Michael Grade: bingo — which has yet to regain the ground lost to scratchcards. New management has been installed, but analysts are bracing themselves for a writedown on the value of the bingo properties from £55 million to perhaps half that figure.

Mr Grade seems determined to give bingo a chance — and there were some signs of progress in yesterday's trading statement — but he has made it clear he does not have unlimited patience. Neither do investors. Nevertheless, most shareholders will probably want to see how Mr Grade, who became full-time chairman earlier this year, meets the challenge. If he fails, there is every chance a predator might put them out of their misery. Bingo is a business that has seen its day.



St Ives

BAD news has been the norm from the printing and packaging sector: a high pound, volatile paper prices, oversupply in European markets are the recurring moans accompanying dire results. St Ives is different and yesterday explained why its shares deserve a rating of 15.5 times prospective earnings. It is an overnight printer, producing books within 24 hours and CD sleeves in a few minutes. These are special skills, requiring expensive machinery, and there are few competitors.

Neither are cheap foreign imports a problem. In this market printers play to local customers who need the goods within hours. St Ives is a multinational company with operations in Germany and France but avoids the currency risk of importing and exporting.

Operating on a bring-your-own paper basis, it also avoids the highs and lows of the pulp market. And by commanding at least 20 per cent of its chosen markets, it enjoys long-running deals with big-spending publishers who are unlikely to disappear if times get bad.

That said, St Ives is a cautious company and the shares are unlikely to rocket. But for a sold defensive stock in a quickly recovering sector, the shares look good value at 532½p.

Conrad Ritblat

MAYFAIR surveyors are sweating under the weight of their expensive lease obligations, so it is hard to fault Conrad Ritblat's decision to become a landlord as well as an adviser to other landlords. At least CR has avoided the embarrassment, experienced by Chesterton and a host of others, of failing to manage property costs. With fingers in both pies, CR does lay itself wide open to accusations of conflict of interest. Nevertheless, the proof is in the fees; if CR's clients don't like taking advice from a potential competitor, there is no shortage of alternative surveyors. Last year, CR's consultancy fees grew from £18 million to £25 million.

The merger with Speciality Shops points CR more directly towards investment and with a near £200 million portfolio, provides the economies of scale that generate cost advantages for property investors. The deal looks better for CR than for Speciality Shops, which is giving up control of its properties at a discount to their net asset value. If the pace of growth continues at this rate, the merged Milner Group will feel more pressure to demerge its surveying activities. The company is better off selling when the market is hot than waiting for a downturn when its battery of agents are sitting on their hands. For the time being, Milner Group investors look well-placed.

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BRITISH FUNDS

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	14.96	5.40
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.09	6.90
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MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
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LONGS (over 15 years)						
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INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.04	3.21
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LIFFE OPTIONS

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October 14 Total: 34539 Calls: 19191 Puts: 15348

	Calls					Puts				
Strike	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Jun	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Jun
5150	149½	250	307	340½	—	5½	81	110½	135½	—
5200	106	211½	272	310½	457	12	94½	127	155½	233
5250	68½	181	241½	281½	—	24	114	147½	176	—
5300	35	153	211	252½	395½	45½	136	169½	197	272½
5350	15	124½	180½	223½	—	78	160	192½	221	—
5400	5	103½	155	198½	340	120½	190½	220	247½	320
5450	1½	83	133	176½	—	170	221½	251½	275½	—

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October 14 Total: 4926 Calls: 897 Puts: 4029

*Underlying security price

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Dec 97	119-23	119-27	119-14	119-21	49797
Previous open interest 194535	Mar 98				119-19	0
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Dec 97	102.56	102.79	102.54	102.75	123018
Previous open interest 326225	Mar 98	101.85	101.90	101.85	102.00	245
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Dec 97	112.54	112.70	112.25	112.52	64337
Previous open interest 120807	Mar 98				112.47	0
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Dec 97	129.10	129.12	128.79	128.80	4274
	Mar 98	128.21	128.22	127.93	127.93	1122
Three Mth Sterling	Dec 97	92.56	92.58	92.56	92.57	8080
	Mar 98	92.55	92.56	92.53	92.54	7094
Previous open interest 635688	Jun 98	92.58	92.60	92.57	92.58	8948
Three Mth Euromark	Jan 98	96.19	96.19	96.18	96.19	220
Previous open interest 1709237	Mar 98	95.95	95.97	95.94	95.96	29463
Three Mth Eurolira	Dec 97	93.83	94.00	93.83	93.99	39399
Previous open interest 455084	Mar 98	94.60	94.71	94.60	94.70	38493
Three Mth Euroyen	Mar 98				99.39	0
	Jun 98				99.31	0
Three Mth Euroswiss	Dec 97	97.94	97.98	97.93	97.97	8768
Previous open interest 184758	Mar 98	97.73	97.75	97.72	97.75	4730
Three Mth ECU	Dec 97	95.44	95.44	95.41	95.42	570
Previous open interest 37959	Mar 98	95.34	95.34	95.31	95.33	306
FTSE 100	Dec 97	5343.5	5390.0	5322.0	5345.0	7875
Previous open interest 74971	Mar 98	5393.0	5393.0	5393.0	5393.0	125

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7 Finance Hse 7½

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 9 Low [illegible] Week fixed: [illegible]

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open 7, close 8½.					
Local Authority Deps:	7½	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.53	n/a	5.63	5.72	5.90
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4-3
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2-1½	2-1
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $328.00-328.30 Close: $327.90-328.40 High: $328.40-328.90 Low: $327.60-328.10 AM: $328.10 PM: $327.75

Krugerrand: $327.00-329.00 (£201.50-203.50)

Platinum: $435.00 (£268.75) Silver: $5.15 (£3.175) Palladium: $207.00 (£127.90)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 14	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.1907-3.2027	3.1997-3.2027	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	58.430-58.687	58.597-58.687	19-14pr	52-45pr
Copenhagen	10.787-10.828	10.820-10.828	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	1.1028-1.1101	1.1028-1.1048	[illegible]	32-25pr
Frankfurt	2.8328-2.8432	2.8409-2.8432	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	287.90-289.39	289.10-289.39	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	238.96-239.86	239.71-239.86	47-36pr	133-115pr
Milan	2773.0-2782.2	2778.6-2782.2	16pr-par	56-34pr
Montreal	2.2309-2.2381	2.2350-2.2368	0.72-0.66pr	1.35-1.26pr
New York	1.6164-1.6220	1.6178-1.6185	0.225-0.207pr	0.628-0.587pr
Oslo	11.324-11.458	11.448-11.456	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	9.5030-9.5381	9.5308-9.5381	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	12.196-12.277	12.264-12.277	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	196.03-197.13	196.97-197.13	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	19.935-20.014	19.995-20.014	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.3668-2.3737	2.3668-2.3693	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel

Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

Australia	1.3564-1.3574
Austria	12.35-12.36
Belgium (Com)	36.20-36.21
Canada	1.3810-1.3815
Denmark	6.6855-6.6875
France	5.8875-5.8895
Germany	1.7556-1.7566
Hong Kong	7.7365-7.7375
Ireland	1.4632-1.4662
Italy	1718.10-1719.60
Japan	121.52-121.57
Malaysia	3.0950-3.1050
Netherlands	1.9774-1.9784
Norway	7.0672-7.0722
Portugal	178.62-178.72
Singapore	1.5425-1.5440
Spain	148.00-148.10
Sweden	7.5756-7.5806
Switzerland	1.4640-1.4650

Argentina peso*	1.6178-1.6205
Australia dollar	2.1955-2.1983
Bahrain dinar	0.6035-0.6175
Brazil real*	1.7735-1.7780
China yuan	13.261-13.561
Cyprus pound	0.8275-0.8465
Finland markka	8.4300-8.5710
Greece drachma	441.0-451.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.5115-12.5206
India rupee	58.02-59.32
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4865-0.4975
Malaysia ringgit	5.0068-5.0245
New Zealand dollar	2.5042-2.5069
Pakistan rupee	64.00 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8275-5.9625
Singapore dollar	2.4953-2.4985
S Africa rand (com)	7.4750-7.6440
U A E dirham	5.8800-6.0160

Barclays Bank GTS • Lloyds Bank

3i	459	Legal & Gn	4,100
ASDA Gp	6,400	Lloyds TSB	6,800
Abbey Ntl	2,200	LucasVarity	2,300
Allnce & Leic	1,800	Marks Spr	5,600
Allied Dom	1,100	NatWst Bk	2,800
AB Foods	2,400	Nat Grid	2,600
BAA	1,800	Nat Power	2,800
BAT Inds	14,100	Next	1,300
BG	13,900	Norwich Un	8,400
BOC	891	Orange	2,200
BP	8,100	P & O	2,800
BSkyB	3,400	Pearson	709
BTR	7,100	PowerGen	261
BT	10,100	Prudential	5,400
Bk of Scot	4,400	RMC	649
Barclays	3,900	Railtrack	3,400
Bass	4,400	Rank Group	2,000
Billiton	4,100	Reckitt Col	826
Blue Circle	1,300	Reed Intl	9,300
Boots	3,300	Rentokil	3,100
BAe	1,700	Reuters	4,600
BA	3,300	Rio Tinto	2,500
British Land	1,500	Rolls Royce	24,100
Brit Steel	10,000	Royal & Sun	4,200
Cable Wire	3,900	Royal Bk Sct	824
Cadbury	755	Safeway	3,300
Carlton Cms	2,100	Sainsbury	1,800
Centrica	2,100	Schroders	248
Cm Union	3,600	Scot & New	905
Dixons	1,900	Scot Power	992
EMI	4,100	Svrn Trent	551
Energy Gp	4,100	Shell Trans	8,700
Enterpr Oil	1,700	Siebe	1,400
GKN	943	SmKl Bch	7,800
GRE	5,900	Smiths Inds	674
GUS	1,200	Std Chartd	4,700
Gen Acc	1,800	Sun Life	417
Gen Elec	16,200	TI Gp	363
Glaxo Well	3,100	Tesco	3,500
Granada	1,300	Thames W	384
Grand Met	4,000	Tomkins	1,800
Guinness	4,900	Unilever	7,100
HSBC	4,000	Utd Utilities	1,000
Halifax	4,800	Utd News	642
Hays	1,900	Vodafone	5,500
ICI	3,800	Whitbread	441
Kingfisher	1,600	Williams	1,700
LASMO	1,000	Wolseley	507
Ladbroke	2,600	Woolwich	5,300
Land Secs	786	Zeneca	1,000

	Oct 14 midday	Oct 13 close
AMP Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMR Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
AT & T	[illegible]	[illegible]
Abbott Labs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Advanced Micro	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aetna Life	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ahmanson (HF)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Air Prod & Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
AirTouch Comm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Albertson's	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan Aluminum	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Signal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alum Co of Am	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer El Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Express	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Genl Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Home Pr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ameritech	69	[illegible]
Amgen	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amoco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Andrew Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Anheuser-Busch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Apple Computer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Archer Daniels	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armstrong Wrld	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asarco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atl Richfield	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atmel Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Auto Data Pro	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avery Dennison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Products	[illegible]	70
Baker Hughes	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baltim Gas & El	[illegible]	[illegible]
Banc One	[illegible]	[illegible]
BankAmerica	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tr NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barnett Banks	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bausch & Lomb	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baxter Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bectn Dicknsn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Atlantic	[illegible]	[illegible]
BellSouth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Black & Decker	[illegible]	[illegible]
Block (H&R)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boston Scien	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myrs Sq	[illegible]	[illegible]
Browning Ferris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brunswick	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	98	[illegible]
CMS Energy Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
CPC Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
CSX	[illegible]	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	[illegible]	[illegible]
Carolina Pwr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Case Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Caterpillar	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central & SW	[illegible]	[illegible]
Champion Intl	66	[illegible]
Chase Manhat	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chevron Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chrysler	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chubb Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cigna Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Citicorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clorox	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coastal Corp	64	[illegible]
Coca Cola	62	[illegible]
Coca Cola Ent	[illegible]	27
Colgate-Palm	74	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
ColumbiaHCA	[illegible]	[illegible]
Compaq Comp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comp Ass Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Conagra	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Nat Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cooper Inds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corestates	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corning Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cwide Credit	37	[illegible]
Crestar Finl	47	[illegible]
Crown Cork	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dana Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dayton Hudson	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deere	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta Air Lines	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deluxe Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Digital Equip	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dillard Dept St	[illegible]	[illegible]
Disney (Walt)	85	[illegible]
Dominion Res	[illegible]	[illegible]
Donnelley (RR)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dover Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Chemical	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Jones	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dresser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dun & Bradstreet	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Kodak	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton Corp	[illegible]	99
Edison Int	[illegible]	25
Elect Data Sys	[illegible]	37
Emerson Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]
Engelhard Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Enron Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Entergy	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ethyl Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exxon	[illegible]	[illegible]
FMC Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
FPL Group	[illegible]	[illegible]
Federal Express	75	[illegible]
Fifth Third Banc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fleet Finl Grp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fluor Corp	53	[illegible]
Ford Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fort James	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fortune Brands	34	[illegible]
Franklin Res	[illegible]	[illegible]
GTE Corp	[illegible]	49
Gannett	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gap Inc Del	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gateway 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Mills	69	[illegible]
Gen Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Reinsurance	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Signal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Genuine Parts	[illegible]	[illegible]
Georgia Pac	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gillette	[illegible]	[illegible]
Glaxo Welc ADR	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodrich (BF)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodyear Tire	[illegible]	70
Great Lakes	[illegible]	[illegible]
Halliburton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Harcourt General	[illegible]	[illegible]
Heinz (HJ)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hercules	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hershey Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hewlett Packard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hilton Hotels	[illegible]	[illegible]
Home Depot	[illegible]	[illegible]
Homestake Mng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Honeywell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Household Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Houston Inds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Humana	[illegible]	24
ITT Corp	[illegible]	70
Ikon Office	[illegible]	[illegible]
Illinois Tool	[illegible]	[illegible]
Illinova	[illegible]	21
INCO	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ingersoll Rand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inland Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intel Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
IBM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Flav & Fr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kellogg	43	[illegible]
Kerr-McGee	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kimberly-Clark	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kmart	[illegible]	[illegible]
Knight-Ridder	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lilly (Eli)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Limited Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lincoln Nat	[illegible]	[illegible]
Litton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Liz Claiborne	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lockheed Martin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Louisiana Pac	25	25
MCI Comm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Manpower Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marriott Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marsh & McLnn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Masco Corp	[illegible]	46
May Dept St	[illegible]	[illegible]
Maytag Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
McDonalds	46	[illegible]
McGraw Hill	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mead Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Medtronic	[illegible]	48
Mellon Bk	[illegible]	[illegible]
Merck Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mercury Fin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Merrill Lynch	76	77
Microsoft	[illegible]	[illegible]
Minnesota Mine	97	[illegible]
Mirage Resorts	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mobil Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monsanto	[illegible]	[illegible]
Morgan (JP)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motorola Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mylan Labs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Natl Semi	41	[illegible]
Natl Service Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Navistar Int	[illegible]	28
NY Times A	[illegible]	[illegible]
Newmont Mng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nike B	[illegible]	[illegible]
NL Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nordstrom	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norfolk Sthrn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nthn State Pwr	50	[illegible]
Norwest Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Occidental Pet	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ohio Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oracle	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oryx Energy Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Owens Corning	[illegible]	[illegible]
PPG Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
PMI Group	[illegible]	[illegible]
PNC Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]
PP&L Res	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paccar Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacificorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pac Enterprises	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pall Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Parker Hannifin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Peco Energy	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penney (JC)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pennzoil	81	[illegible]
Pepsico	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pfizer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pharm & Upjhn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phelps Dodge	[illegible]	76
Philip Morris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phillips Pet	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pitney Bowes	[illegible]	[illegible]
Polaroid	[illegible]	[illegible]
Procter & Gmbl	73	[illegible]
Providian	[illegible]	41
Pub Serv E & G	[illegible]	[illegible]
Quaker Oats	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ralston Purina	[illegible]	[illegible]
Raychem Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reebok Intl	[illegible]	46
Reliastar Fin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reynolds Metals	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rockwell Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rohm & Haas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Dutch	[illegible]	57
Rubbermaid	[illegible]	[illegible]
SBC Comms	[illegible]	[illegible]
Safeco Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
St Paul's Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]
Salomon Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sara Lee Corp	[illegible]	53
Schering Plough	[illegible]	[illegible]
Schlumberger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seagram	[illegible]	35
Sears Roebuck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Trans	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sherwin Wlms	[illegible]	30
Silicon Graphics	[illegible]	[illegible]
Snap-On-Tools	[illegible]	44
Southern Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southtrust	[illegible]	50
Sprint Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stanley Works	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun Company	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun Microsys	[illegible]	[illegible]
Suntrust	[illegible]	[illegible]
Supervalu	[illegible]	[illegible]
Synovus Fin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sysco Corp	38	[illegible]
TRW Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
TIG Hldgs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tandy Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Temple Inland	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenet Healthcare	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texaco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas Inst	138	141
Texas Utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]
Textron	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thermo Elect	[illegible]	[illegible]
Time Warner	[illegible]	[illegible]
Times-Mirror A	[illegible]	[illegible]
Timken	[illegible]	[illegible]
Torchmark	[illegible]	[illegible]
Toys R Us	[illegible]	[illegible]
Transamerica	[illegible]	[illegible]
Travelers	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tribune	[illegible]	[illegible]
UST Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
US Bancorp	102	[illegible]
UAL	[illegible]	[illegible]
Unicom	[illegible]	[illegible]
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The time to claim EMU-nity is over

JANET BUSH

Some 14 months before the probable start of European economic and monetary union, the British Government is leading a serious, open, honest and clear-thinking national debate on the subject . . . through innuendo, leak and denial in the pages of the national press. Robin Cook told the Labour Party conference that Labour's priorities for Britain's presidency of the European Union "arise from the concerns of the people, not the preoccupations of the politicians". And yet all the emphasis seems to be on guessed-at differences of opinion between different powerbases within Government and on reading between the lines of various comments from various officials to discern whether we, as a nation, should/will join the single currency in 1999, shortly thereafter, in 2001, 2002 or beyond.

British businessmen and women hoped, at least, that the incoming Labour Government would not be rendered catatonic by the internal divisions that prevented any rational discussion of the real issues under the Conservative administration. And yet press speculation has already surfaced — and yesterday fiercely denied — that there is a rift on Europe between the Prime Minister and his Chancellor.

Many businessfolk hoped that Labour would be more Europe-friendly and so it appears to be. Or not. Who knows? All the current to-ings and fro-ings may well be a chimera, got up by an over-feverish press and totally unjustified by any actual debate or rumoured change of heart on EMU within the Government.

Whatever is or isn't going on, business is confused. One suspects that many of the people who run British companies are less concerned about whether their Government takes them into a single currency or not than they are by a high and continuing level of uncertainty. Wise counsel suggests that they should ignore the British dimension of the debate and start preparing themselves for the advent of the euro whether Britain is "in" or "out".

This is easier said than done in the case of, for example, a British high street bank which has to adapt all its procedures for the new currency from payment and settlement systems to its hole-in-the-wall machines. It makes a huge difference to its planning whether the euro is to be a foreign currency, a domestic currency or both simultaneously and on what timescale. Millions could be thrown down the drain if planning is too pre-emptive, too late or of the wrong kind.

Despite the uncertainties, banks and others need to start taking the euro seriously, at least enough to analyse the implications for their businesses of different, alternative scenarios. Price Waterhouse, which is sponsoring a big conference on EMU and business in London this week, reports an alarming lack of knowledge and even interest in preparing for EMU. Its survey of corporate treasurers recently found that management structures are not in place to look at the implications.

that British firms, in particular, are concentrating on the minimum changes needed to operational nuts and bolts, such as IT systems, and have not got round to considering the broader strategic implications for their businesses. Price Waterhouse's Nick Crosby has coined the phrase EMU-nity for the widespread perception among sceptical British companies that EMU will not materially affect them.

There is a perfectly rational argument that the real catalysts for change in Europe's corporate and economic landscape are the single market and increasing global competition and they will be on the scene with or without a single currency. But where this argument has limits is that EMU is *already* having a profound effect on corporate Europe because European companies believe that it is an important lever for change. Just witness the batch of huge cross-border mergers announced this week.

One can argue about whether broadening one's geographic spread through big mergers is necessary in a supposedly single market. One might express scepticism about the pursuit of sheer size unless these mergers allow scope for deep cost-cutting (ie, job shedding). One might have doubts about whether many European companies will feel that the climate is right for wrenching structural change of this kind — despite the fact that this is what EMU is supposed to force so usefully upon European business — while host governments are so concerned about mass unemployment.

One can argue about whether EMU will bring greater price competition and an assault on margins and how to cope. One could even argue that British companies, brutally restructured under Thatcherism and happy denizens of a zone of flexible labour markets, are already well poised to take advantage of fierce price competition in the EMU-zone, in or out.

All these aspects ought to be analysed, whatever the continuing ambiguities (or not) of British policy. Until now, there has been such a hazy sense of unreality about the whole project, particularly in Britain, that managerial Euro-sclerosis has been understandable, if short-sighted. But now that corporate Europe is on the move, there is something concrete for management strategists to get their teeth into. In a regional economy increasingly dominated by multinationals and their dense supplier networks, the euro is coming down supply chains, nearer and nearer to headquarters. Ever larger competitors are even now being created on the Continent. British companies have to think seriously about whether and how to respond. As Gordon Brown has said, the euro has fundamental implications whether Britain is in or out.

Touch of capitalism helps to stem revolutionary Cuba's decline

The one firm achievement of the regime is up for sale, says **Alasdair Murray**

The Cuba of President Castro, right, is proud of Che Guevera, above, who fought in the country's revolution, its world-famous cigars, and its top athletes, including Javier Sotomayor, the world high-jump champion

Che Guevera, communism's last icon, has finally returned to his revolutionary home. Thirty years after he was shot in Bolivia, he is due to be buried in the central Cuban town of Santa Clara on Friday. The belated return of his body has been accompanied with great pomp and ceremony as Cuba tries desperately to remind its citizens of the virtues of its revolution.

Che still defines the official image Cuba wishes to convey to the world — the tiny island state striving to keep the communist faith in the face of overwhelming hostility from America. But in the tourist shops, Che has taken on a different identity, more capitalist chic than socialist realism. The face that once inspired armchair revolutionaries across the world now adorns t-shirts, baseball caps, berets and even CDs — each available for a few US dollars. In the post-communist world, Cuba is learning that even its heros have a price.

Cuba was marooned by the collapse of the Eastern bloc after 1989. Its strategic importance to the Soviet Union had ensured a favourable trading relationship. But deprived of its main trading partners, the economy collapsed, a position made desperate by the continuing US economic embargo.

Fidel Castro had no choice but to introduce emergency economic reforms. Small private enterprises were legalised and the country opened up for foreign investment. To curb the black market the US dollar was legalised, resulting in a dual-currency economy.

Most of the Cuban economy remains under state control, but the reform programme has worked sufficiently well to stem the country's decline. In 1996 growth soared to 7.8 per cent and while a poor sugar crop is expected to halve the growth rate this year, the economic prospects are viewed as promising enough to attract the attention of a growing number of European and Canadian businesses. Cuba is a compact market of 11 million people that also has the potential to become a low-cost base for exports to the rest of the Caribbean region.

In theory, Cuba should now be enjoying the same kind of investment rush that has followed economic reforms in other communist countries such as China and Vietnam. But US insistence that Cuba remain a pariah country continues to scare off many potential investors. Even major companies with operations in Cuba are sensitive about their position, worried that publicity could create problems in America. BAT Industries returned to Cuba in 1995 after an absence of 35 years, setting a small joint cigarette venture. However, it still refuses to provide any details.

US businesses and individuals are still prevented from travelling to Cuba and Cuban products such as cigars are banned in the US — creating a thriving black market for Cuba's most famous export in fashionable New York bars. But at the root of the problem for foreign investors is the Helms-Burton act, signed into US law last year. This seeks to blacklist foreign companies and individuals doing business in Cuba using any of the $1.8 billion of American assets, which include buildings formerly owned by companies such as Coca-Cola and Colgate Palmolive seized after the revolution. Only one company, Sherritt, the Canadian mining group that includes Sir Patrick Sheehy, the former BAT chief executive, on its board, has so far been directly implicated under the Act. But the Helms-Burton law has prompted a big row between the US and the EU that has yet to be fully resolved. In some sectors such as sugar and telecommunications, it has made legal investment all but impossible as the industries were almost entirely American owned before the revolution.

Even when companies are investing within the terms of the American law, US competitors have still used Helms-Burton as an excuse to make a fuss. Unilever recently established a joint venture to make toiletries in Cuba. Although Unilever's factory base in the country was built after the revolution, Procter & Gamble highlighted the fact that its Cuban partner still uses one of its former factories for other activities. Unilever claims the issue has now been resolved, but it remains reluctant to talk too much about Cuba. Not everyone, however, believes the Helms-Burton Act has proved a major disincentive to trade with Cuba. Peter Scott, chief executive of UK-based Beta Funds, which manages the first dedicated investment fund in Cuba, says: "The Act was intended to make trade more difficult, but, in fact, it has clarified the situation."

Mr Scott is convinced that Cuba has real long-term potential and the impact of Helms-Burton will simply be to allow the bolder non-US firms to steal a lead on American businesses before the embargo comes to an end. "There will be great rewards when the Americans finally return," he says.

Post-isolation Cuba has investment opportunities that stretch far beyond its traditional staples of sugar, rum and cigars. The sugar crop still covers a third of Cuba's land mass, but its contribution to foreign earnings has been cut from around 50 per cent of the total to one fifth. Cuba is reducing its reliance on sugar in favour of other hard-currency earners such as tourism. There were 300,000 visitors in 1990, while 1.2 million are forecast for this year. Earnings from tourism have risen sixfold over the same period to $1.8 billion. Big operators such as Club Med are returning and foreign investment is helping to restore the country's many imposing hotels. Building work is proceeding at such pace at Varadero, which attracts a third of all visitors to Cuba, that the resort is beginning to resemble a more refined version of the Costa Del Sol.

Ironically, the development of Varadero may be hampered by the fact that the town sits on one of Cuba's other natural assets, oil and gas reserves. Some views from the town have been ruined by the huge gas platform out in the bay, but the best finds are believed to lie immediately under the town. While much of the oil found across Cuba has so far been of too poor quality to use for petrol, Premier, the UK exploration company, is investing heavily in the belief that there could be a billion barrel oil field under the island.

Forty years of communism has inevitably created quirks in the Cuban economy. Basic food and fuel supplies remain a problem, but the country has a highly developed bio-technology industry that is attracting strong interest from overeas investment. York Medical, a Canadian listed biotech company, is in the process of commercialising Cuban products. Beta Gran Caribe, the Cuban investment fund managed by Beta, has taken a stake in York and is also establishing its own biotech company, Bioagnosis, to sell Cuban bio-tech licences overseas.

Mr Scott says: "Fidel is a bit of a technical buff." "He was very excited by the advent of biotech and sent Cuban scientists abroad to learn the technology and poured in huge resources to develop the sector." The result is that Cuba has an impressive health record with lower infant mortality rates and higher life expectancy than the US. But the communist regime's one firm achievement is now up for sale. Che would be unlikely to approve.

Expansion the key for turning Bates into a global player

Michael Bungey tells **Raymond Snoddy** about his plans for the advertising agency

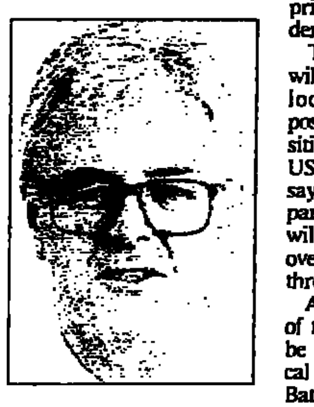
Bates, the international advertising agency, group is planning a big expansion campaign once the demerger from Cordiant is complete.

Michael Bungey, at present chief executive of Cordiant Communications Group, who will take control of Bates Worldwide after the split, which is expected to be finalised by mid-December, is planning to turn the agency into a truly global player, while looking at possible acquisitions in the US.

"A wall of fire has been built up within the company. Everyone wants to get going," says Mr Bungey, talking about his future plans for the first time.

The first big step would be to use a mixture of cash and shares to take over affiliate agencies in various parts of the world to extend the wholly owned Bates range.

"We intend to expand the geography of our brands. We have a lot of affiliates around the world and we are already in discussions with a number of them, currently with our agency in India," says Mr Bungey, who with all the executive directors of Bates and Saatchi & Saatchi, the other half of the demerged Cordiant, could become multi-millionaires if tough performance targets are met over the next three years.



> ‘A wall of fire has been built up. Everyone wants to get going’
> — Michael Bungey

Bates is hoping to create new wholly owned agencies in no less than six Latin American countries — Brazil, Mexico, Venezuela, Columbia, Chile and the Argentina. The company already has an agency in Peru. If the plans for Latin America work out then, according to Mr Bungey, Bates would cover 90 per cent of the population of the continent.

A similar expansion is likely for eastern and central Europe. A deal is likely to be considered to transfer Saatachi & Saatchi interests in Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, but affiliate negotiations are planned for agencies in Latvia, Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey.

"We are now looking to put down our marker on a long-term basis to capture more revenue," says Mr Bungey, who argues that his team has been tempered by "the troubles", as they call the row and eventual departure of Charles and Maurice, now Lord Saatchi, from the original Saatchi & Saatchi. Bates took the biggest hit, the loss of the Mars account, although within a year $500 million of new businesses had been brought on board.

This year the balance of business gained over business lost has been positive. The losses, Mr Bungey says, have totalled about $150 million (£92.4 million) and included Compaq in Europe and Texaco in the US. By the end of August about $350 million worth of new business had been won, including Europcar, the rental company and CVS, the second largest US drug store company.

Mr Bungey believes that the planned agency purchases will be supported by "a very valuable share price" after the demerger.

The company will also be looking for possible acquisitions in the US. Mr Bungey says that the expansion plans will be spread over the next three years.

A further arm of the plan will be a geographical roll-out for Bates marketing services companies, such as 141 and Bates direct marketing.

"Everyone's feet are very firmly nailed to the floor and this is a truly global company," says Mr Bungey, who will turn an investment of £150,000 into £2.4 million if all targets are met. For other middle ranking managers an investment of £50,000 could turn into £800,000.

American investors particularly like the incentive scheme. "In fact, a lot of US analysts couldn't conceive of investing in a people business where management is not incentivised," says Mr Bungey, who promises that at the end of the three years a new incentive scheme will be introduce — though possibly different from the present one.

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Pig of a job

OF ALL the tasks presented to Tony Supperstone in his long and illustrious career as an insolvency partner at BDO Stoy Hayward, nothing can quite compare to being asked to sell a Romanian pig farm. The appointment came his way as a result of the dire financial crisis in the former Warsaw Pact country, which has led to the World Bank calling in a flock of British liquidators to flog off anything of value.

Supperstone reckons he pulled the short straw. Not that there is anything wrong with the farm. It had 40,000 pigs, most of which have now been sold to local farmers, 125 hectares of land and a slaughterhouse. But it does happen to be four hours away from Bucharest. "Romanian cars are uncomfortable at the best of times, and the roads are worse," he tells me. "We always kept being held up by herds of cattle."

After a week on the farm, Supperstone could not believe his luck when he returned to BDO's London offices. The partners' lunch that day was roast pork.

"It reinforces our strategy of six arriving at the same time"

- *The mystery of why Nigel Stapleton should have thrived at Reed Elsevier when Sir Peter Davis fell foul of the Amsterdam set deepens. Because I hear that the Labour-leaning knight is as Anglo-Dutch as the company that discarded him. His mother is from Holland.*

Bummer

RELIEF in Halifax after the former building society was cleared of malfeasance by the Advertising Standards Authority over its adverts, earlier this year, attempting to persuade members to approve the plan to convert into a bank. One poster featured a crowd at a rock festival at Stonehenge in the 1970s, with a speech bubble coming from the crowd saying: "Be part of something big, man." A Gloucestershire man wrote to the ASA claiming he was the person featured underneath the speech bubble and no-one from the Halifax had asked his permission to use his picture and, anyway, he was committed to mutuality. A world-weary ASA said that it was an old picture and a cartoon speech bubble so he should get with the joke, man.

Psion sign-off

SO GOODBYE then, Peter Norman, the managing director of Psion UK, the operation which attempts to distribute the group's hand-held computers to anxious customers. He resigned "by mutual consent" from the group yesterday without a payoff. A spokesman tells me that Norman's operation "was not performing to the levels that had been wanted". But Norman's operation was not the one responsible for the production problems that have meant that high-powered executives have been rushing into branches of Dixons brandishing their gold cards in the hope of buying Psion Series 5 computers, only to be told that the gizmos were not available. With David Potter, Psion's founder, firing on all cylinders in his attempts to revive the firm's standing in the City, the speculation among the hand-held tekkies is that more heads will roll.

- *NOT satisfied with irritating BT, WorldCom has set about getting up the nose of Yorkshire folk. In its 1996 annual report the Mississippi-based party pooper boasts a global network of telecom hubs including an Internet server for its UUNet business based in a city it calls "Leads".*

Full Monty

THE executive floor of the Mirror Group offices in Canary Wharf is strangely quiet this week as David Montgomery, the chief executive, has decided to go back to his roots. No, he has not returned to the mean streets of Belfast. The former *Daily Mirror* sub-editor is training at the Mirror's "School of Excellence".

This educational establishment is teaching hacks at Mirror papers to be "multiskilled" — a concept that means that journalists not only write the stories, but also correct the copy, lay it out, take the pictures, print the paper and drive the delivery vans. Monty has signed up for this week's course, along with staff from *The Independent*, who are looking forward to quizzing the Ulsterman during tea breaks about rumours that the Mirror wants to sell its 46 per cent stake in the Indy.

JASON NISSÉ

David Montgomery is getting his knees brown again at school

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UK Equity Gen	380.70	405.00†	- 1.00	1.74
British Growth	87.55	93.64		1.43
UK Small Cos	79.84	85.39†	+ 0.30	0.49
FTSE 250 Index	101.54	108.58	+ 0.40	2.11
Geared Uts Index	2391.38	2524.53†	- 23.00	5.75
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UK Equity Inc #	119.74	128.05†	+ 0.10	4.24
Corp Bd	81.04	83.71	+ 0.12	
Monthly Inc	43.91	46.63†	+ 0.10	6.18
International Funds				
American Gen	310.00	328.00	+ 1.60	
American Strat	293.79	314.19		
AG US Index	7385.77	7513.78†	+ 7.08	4.00
European Gen	342.70	362.30	+ 0.90	.
European Strat	152.05	162.61	+ 0.60	
Japan Gen	125.50	132.80	- 2.70	.
Asia Pacific	87.29	93.34†	- 0.14	
Pacific Strat	142.56	152.48	- 1.00	
Greater China	260.55	278.13	- 1.90	
Latin America	133.36	142.62	+ 0.20	
Intl Growth	189.18	202.30	+ 1.10	.
Balanced Exempt	161.60	167.30		.
Global Strategy	53.79	57.51	+ 0.05	.
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
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General Inc	709.90	755.30	+ 0.60	2.21
UK Growth Acc	602.90	641.40	+ 0.70	2.11
UK Growth Inc	381.00	405.40	+ 0.40	2.11
Higher Inc Acc #	1080.60	1149.60	+ 5.80	4.37
Higher Inc Inc #	554.70	590.20	- 3.00	4.37
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	230.00	243.00	- 0.40	5.29
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	95.80	101.20	- 0.20	5.29
Nth America	454.50	483.60	+ 1.90	
Europe	468.60	498.60	+ 3.00	0.01
Brit Excell	120.10	127.80	+ 0.20	1.20
Brit Fndmtls Acc	146.90	156.30	+ 0.70	4.19
Brit Fndmtls Inc	94.18	100.20	- 0.36	4.19
Global Opps	120.60	128.20	+ 0.20	
Balanced Acc	76.01	80.87	+ 0.19	2.09
Balanced Inc	69.49	73.93	+ 0.16	2.09
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American Growth	543.80	580.80	+ 0.30	0.29
Asian Pacific	299.40	320.20	- 4.50	0.43
Assets & Earnings	352.30	376.80	- 0.70	2.48
Euro Capital Acc	253.40	271.00	+ 2.70	0.74
Extra Inc	44.18	47.00†	- 0.04	8.85
General	326.80	347.70	- 0.20	2.82
Global Opps	84.62	90.02	+ 0.23	0.36
Japan	89.75	95.99†	- 0.38	
Managed Inc	53.73	57.16†	+ 0.02	3.94
Mastertrust	196.10	209.70	- 0.20	1.06
US Emerging Cos	240.30	257.00†	+ 0.20	
Ethical	90.63	96.42	+ 0.16	1.90
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Far East Emg Eco	108.53	113.83	+ 0.04	0.74
Fixed Interest #	28.44	29.57	+ 0.07	7.89
Fixed Inc Tst #	177.51	186.35†	+ 0.98	8.06
Japan	171.45	178.13	+ 0.81	..
Latin American	85.30	89.21	+ 0.20	.
Pacific	73.43	77.08†	+ 0.48	0.24
Property	94.70	99.41	+ 0.26	1.38
UK Emerging Cos	70.98	75.68	+ 0.17	0.63
UK Growth	70.60	73.55†	+ 0.01	1.26
Aber World Port #	95.53	100.55	+ 0.13	2.54
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Balanced Funds				
Exempt	109.10	116.10	+ 0.10	2.03
500	535.10	575.40†	+ 1.90	1.91
General	414.60	441.10†	+ 0.10	1.55
Property	271.20	291.00		5.46
Trustee	291.00	311.20	- 0.40	1.54
Growth Funds - Uk				
Capital	185.00	196.90	+ 0.10	1.43
FTSE 100	135.40	143.80	- 0.40	1.74
Growth Acc	585.60	623.00	- 0.90	1.42
Smaller Cos	62.52	66.69	+ 0.12	2.19
Smaller Cos Acc	75.30	80.32	+ 0.15	2.19
Growth Funds - Overseas				
America	238.00	251.60	+ 0.30	0.09
American Growth	164.10	173.90	+ 0.20	..
Japan	113.00	119.40	- 0.50	
Japan Acc	114.30	120.80	- 0.50	
Japan Spec Sits	52.17	55.76	- 0.03	
Worldwide	228.60	242.70	- 0.40	0.73
Barclays Investment Portfolios				
Managed Income ‡		50.00		.
Mgd Gwth & Inc #		50.00		
Managed Growth ‡		50.00		
BARING FUND MANGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	184.70	195.00	+ 0.80	..
Amer Smlr Cos	192.80	204.60	- 0.20	
Eastern	250.70	268.90	- 1.90	0.30
Equity Income #	128.50	136.70	- 0.50	4.00
European Growth	511.40	543.40	+ 4.00	0.80
Europe	463.90	495.60	+ 1.10	0.80
German Growth	114.60	121.50	+ 0.20	0.50
Global Bond	74.57	78.45	+ 0.33	5.00
Global Growth	181.70	192.70	+ 1.10	0.40
Japan Growth	138.10	146.50	- 0.10	.
Japan Smaller	97.02	102.70	- 1.00	
Korea Trust	44.03	47.98	- 0.18	
Portfolio	181.30	193.00	+ 0.50	2.00
-do- Accum	350.00	372.80	+ 0.90	2.00
UK Growth	135.60	144.48	+ 0.30	3.00
UK Smaller Cos	122.70	130.50	+ 0.50	1.90
Select Managers	100.60	107.70	+ 0.30	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	111.40	118.50	+ 0.90	
Special Oppor Inc	74.87	79.65	- 0.07	
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	184.39	192.07†	- 2.76	0.95
-do- Accum	218.10	227.18	- 3.26	0.95
Smaller Cos	183.48	191.12	- 0.96	0.44
Higher Yield #	70.31	73.24†	+ 0.01	3.53
American Gth Inc	144.46	150.48	- 1.29	
European Growth	208.13	216.80†	- 1.55	...
-do- Accum	212.58	221.44	- 1.58	
Mngd Ptolo Inc	63.73	66.38†	- 0.07	1.22
-do- Accum	66.76	69.56	- 0.07	1.22
Int Spec Oppr	202.07	216.74	- 0.45	
Pacific Grth	138.97	144.77	- 1.75	
UK General #	127.83	133.15	- 0.20	2.60
-do- Accum #	140.78	146.64	- 0.22	2.60
Japan	48.02	50.02	- 0.14	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	109.08	113.02†	+ 0.52	7.30
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	66.07	66.91	+ 0.06	6.25
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Growth	218.10	229.00	- 0.60	1.50
UK Growth	274.70	288.50	- 0.20	1.42
UK Income	186.40	195.70†	+ 0.30	3.52
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 622 100				
Can Gen Dist	286.40	303.60	+ 0.20	1.12
-do- Income Dist	150.30	159.80	+ 0.40	2.98
-do- Accum	533.00	564.90	- 1.10	2.98
Gilt & Fxd Int	43.23	45.43†	+ 0.05	5.06
Growth Units	335.10	358.40†	+ 0.20	1.53
Bond	187.00	196.60†	+ 0.60	5.80
Intl Growth	255.50	271.80	+ 0.20	0.27
North American	332.10	352.50	+ 1.20	
Far East	257.60	275.70	- 1.40	0.77
UK Smaller Cos	259.00	277.00	+ 0.10	1.04
European	120.00	127.50	+ 0.60	0.50
Japanese Growth	36.39	38.56	- 0.29	...
High Income	276.70	295.80†	+ 0.60	3.44
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7465				
American & Gen	299.00	316.40†	+ 1.00	
European Inc	126.20	133.80	+ 1.10	0.03
Smaller Cos (4-1)	111.30	118.50†	+ 0.30	1.73
Growth	697.60	742.20†	+ 6.20	1.66
Income & Growth #	593.10	631.00	+ 2.00	4.03
-do- Accum #	926.50	985.70	+ 3.20	4.03
Japan & Gen	58.06	61.52	- 0.10	
Hallcum Gwth	1521.00	1585.00†	+ 2.00	1.47
-do- Accum	1910.00	1990.00	+ 2.00	1.47
Special Sits	160.40	170.70	+ 0.30	1.67
High Yield	1928.00	1988.00	+ 7.00	3.53
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	118.04	125.67	+ 0.27	2.23
American Portfolio	166.41	178.33	+ 0.30	0.68
European Portfolio	172.40	183.29†	- 0.12	0.38
High Income	55.80	58.73	+ 0.16	6.52
Japanese Portfolio	53.96	57.23†	- 0.15	..
Pacific Portfolio	146.11	157.11	- 0.17	0.77
UK Equity	116.73	124.61†	+ 0.21	2.69
UK Equity & Bd	68.49	72.58	+ 0.18	4.89
UK Smlr Cos	55.64	59.51	+ 0.09	1.60
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	965.49	980.09		3.54
Inv Fd Acc	987.50	1002.42	..	.

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Fxd Int Sec Inc	166.07	168.73		8.58
Fxd Int Sec Acc	173.59	174.29		.
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	942.39	956.63		3.63
Investment Acc	4529.07	4597.51		
Fixed Int Inc	133.10	133.64	..	8.68
Fixed Int Acc	264.44	265.50	.	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Beckman Intl	96.43	101.48†	..	4.94
Beck Bio-Tech	46.75	50.49		
Acorn Ethical Tst	220.99	232.06	.	0.79
City Fin Assets	93.36	98.04†		2.71
City Fin Intl	98.37	103.30	..	0.06
Foxes Hse Cap	375.79	389.77		1.56
Buckley Wrld Gth	158.71	168.23†		
Shaw Utilities	83.03	84.83	+ 0.22	4.10
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	63.80	67.89	- 0.04	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	104.01	110.65	+ 0.62	
Dragon Growth	62.98	67.35	- 0.42	0.71
Equity High Inc	117.12	123.93†	+ 0.50	3.24
-do- Accum	175.83	186.06	+ 0.74	3.24
Extra Income Inc	28.61	30.11†	+ 0.10	6.14
Extra Income Acc	33.26	35.00	+ 0.11	6.14
European Gwth	85.51	90.49	+ 0.59	0.04
Evergreen	37.56	40.17	+ 0.08	..
General Equity	136.84	144.42	+ 0.36	2.31
Japan Growth	38.66	41.34	+ 0.03	
Pedigree Gwth	82.49	87.29	+ 0.33	1.81
Ped Sm Cos Inc	42.83	46.11	+ 0.17	1.40
-do- Accum	45.65	48.31	+ 0.18	1.40
Retirement Inc #	35.17	37.42	+ 0.25	5.03
Special Sits	56.61	60.87	+ 0.05	2.83
UK & Overseas	73.11	77.36	+ 0.19	0.52
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	83.31	86.78	+ 0.28	3.45
Capital	103.66	107.97	+ 0.13	1.84
High Income	56.51	58.86	+ 0.16	6.41
Top 50	74.88	78.00	- 0.03	1.87
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	229.20	238.77†	+ 0.28	4.04
Long Gilt	49.77	51.81†	+ 0.15	5.25
Monthly Inc Plus	57.60	60.01†	+ 0.18	7.47
Preference Share	54.46	56.74†	+ 0.12	6.87
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	165.56	172.48†	+ 0.27	5.19
Managed Fund	88.07	91.75†	+ 0.07	2.47
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.92	56.17	+ 0.14	1.51
-do- Accum	64.48	67.17	+ 0.17	1.51
UK & General	125.55	130.79†	- 0.09	2.15
-do- Accum	168.13	175.15†	- 0.12	2.15
UK Growth	249.83	260.27	- 0.15	1.51
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	277.66	289.26	+ 1.56	0.46
Far Eastern Grth	120.94	125.99	- 0.77	0.22
Global Bond	73.77	76.85†	+ 0.24	6.69
Japan Growth	100.97	105.19	+ 0.06	
North Amer Grth	313.46	326.55	+ 0.83	.
Oriental Growth	75.33	78.48	- 1.88	0.62
Worldwide Growth	85.84	89.43	+ 0.09	0.29
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.61	91.61†	+ 0.01	6.27
Homesteader Fund	107.10	113.95	+ 0.13	1.89
Chiller Fund	185.42	197.26	+ 0.03	1.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	41.86	44.54	..	2.78
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	201.80	214.70	+ 0.40	1.99
Income	89.77	95.50	+ 0.21	3.79
European Growth	97.32	103.53	+ 0.78	0.10
Recovery	201.20	213.80	- 0.60	1.89
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1244.30	1264.50		3.03
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 698 370				
European Inc	88.38	93.81	+ 0.88	0.34
Fellowship Tst	121.60	129.30†	+ 0.30	1.13
Income #	350.00	372.30	+ 0.50	3.89
-do- Accum #	951.30	1012.00	+ 1.00	3.89
Smaller Cos	239.20	254.40	+ 0.90	0.72
-do- Accum	298.90	317.90	+ 1.20	0.72
Gth Portfolio	120.20	127.80	+ 0.50	1.24
High Inc Port #	102.30	108.80	+ 0.20	3.84
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1834				
Global Sm Cos	1966.20	1988.60		0.52
UK Small Cos	2351.50	2445.80		2.87
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	258.60	266.80	.	.
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	218.80	232.80	- 0.40	1.39
UK High Inc Inc	236.00	251.00	- 0.30	3
-do- Accum	329.00	349.90	- 0.40	3
UK Pref & F I Inc	65.20	69.20	+ 0.24	5.35
Emergent Opps	131.90	140.30	+ 0.10	0.71
UK Smlr Cos	77.87	82.83	+ 0.18	0.81
Extra Income Inc	54.50	57.95	+ 0.26	6.50
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
Convertibles #	25.73	27.34†	+ 0.15	5.12
Enterprise	123.90	131.30	+ 0.10	1.90
Equity Income #	177.60	188.70†		3.39
European	78.63	83.18	+ 0.36	.
Financial	73.39	77.98†	+ 0.46	1.28
Growth & Inc #	363.60	386.30	+ 0.30	2.27
High Dist #	227.90	242.10	+ 0.50	3.51
International	467.60	496.80	+ 1.80	0.20
Int Cap Inc	128.00	136.60†	+ 1.20	1.98
Latin American	44.66	47.45	+ 0.18	
Mgd Gwth Port	102.40	107.00	.	0.65
Pacific	81.78	86.89†	- 0.14	
Pref High Inc	25.54	27.14†	+ 0.09	6.62
Tokyo	178.10	188.30†	.	
UK Smaller Cos	257.80	273.90	- 0.30	1.10
Japan Smr Cos	288.60	305.80	+ 0.10	
Nth Amer	563.20	595.70	+ 6.00	0.49
UK Inc & Grth	324.70	346.40†	+ 0.10	2.14
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BRT Director Olgs	130.02	138.47	+ 0.90	0.93
Growth Acc	332.16	353.78	+ 4.39	0.19
Income	853.06	896.42	+ 38.01	5.81
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	262.50	279.30	.	0.90
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	118.60	124.84	+ 0.34	1.39
Ethical Tst	59.38	62.50	- 0.02	0.86
Far Eastern	277.39	291.99	- 0.49	1.50
High Income	179.05	188.47	+ 0.85	3.86
UK Index Trcking	69.45	72.86	- 0.01	2.33
Intl Growth	157.96	166.27	+ 0.08	1.14
North American	198.21	208.64†	+ 0.44	1.32
Pelican	183.95	193.63†	+ 0.06	2.46
Smaller Cos	76.31	80.37	+ 0.03	2.05
Special Sits	92.43	97.29†	- 0.05	2.97
Tst of Inv Tsts	247.46	260.48	+ 0.66	1.46
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	135.35	143.61†	+ 0.43	.
Fd of Inv Tsts	61.14	64.87	+ 0.19	0.45
High Income #	42.51	45.08†	+ 0.19	11.09
Warr & Gi Opps	55.71	59.30†	+ 0.25	.
Zero Preference	48.93	51.92	+ 0.03	.
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	121.50	129.20†		2.01
United Charities	350.30	372.60†	+ 1.40	2.37
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients. 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		6.68
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	27.06	29.04	+ 0.12	5.21
Strategic Inc	30.22	31.60	+ 0.09	5.37
Income Funds				
High Income	31.76	33.35†	+ 0.11	4.62
Income Plus	173.90	185.00	+ 0.60	3.24
European Income	64.27	68.24	+ 0.36	1.64
Moneybuilder Gwth	40.29	40.58†	+ 0.07	2.06
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	37.88	40.41	+ 0.03	
American	446.20	474.10	+ 1.50	
Amer Spec Sits	265.50	282.58	- 0.20	
Japan Smaller Cos	21.55	22.88	- 0.14	.
European	310.20	329.90†	+ 2.20	0.41
European Opps	111.10	118.10	+ 0.70	0.48
Global Priv	40.62	43.20	+ 0.23	0.38
UK Growth	154.60	164.40	- 0.50	1.19
Growth & Inc	228.20	242.70		1.97
Intl PEP	62.07	68.00	+ 0.15	1.04
Japan Spec Sits	72.31	76.67	- 0.11	
Japan	178.00	188.50	+ 0.80	.
Managed Intl	454.70	482.70	+ 7.80	0.56
Moneybuilder Ptoc	81.62	82.20	+ 0.42	0.32
Recovery	73.83	78.51	+ 0.18	1.74
South E Asia	190.00	202.60†	- 1.70	0.85
Special Sits	905.80	963.20†	+ 4.50	1.17
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	121.51	121.51	+ 0.02	6.60
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	178.80	180.70†		1.53
Finsbury Prt Inc #	110.60	111.50†	+ 0.90	5.92
Cap Ptolo	199.50	201.20	+ 0.70	0.08
General Opps	174.00	175.40		2.84
Growth Inc	48.15	48.67	+ 0.06	1.62
Private Portfolio	593.40	599.90†		1.03
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 388 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	179.00	190.70	+ 1.20	
High Income	24.42	25.94†	+ 0.01	8.67
Japan Smlr Cos	13.68	14.70†	- 0.01	..
US Smaller Cos	570.00	606.70†	+ 3.50	
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	108.90	115.30	+ 0.20	.
-do- Accum	108.90	115.30	+ 0.20	
Amer Smllr Cos	842.30	895.40†	+ 5.80	
-do- Accum	860.50	914.70†	+ 5.90	..
Capital Tst	425.70	452.90†	+ 1.50	1.26
-do- Accum	633.60	674.00†	+ 2.20	1.26
Conti Smllr Cos	70.58	75.37	+ 0.65	1.03
-do- Accum	75.74	80.88	+ 0.71	1.03
Convertible	154.70	164.66	+ 2.80	5.38
-do- Accum	350.60	373.00	+ 6.30	5.38
Emerging Markets	78.02	83.35	+ 1.00	0.54
-do- Accum	78.84	84.02	+ 1.01	0.54
European	197.70	209.40	+ 0.80	0.40
-do- Accum	210.30	222.70	+ 0.90	0.40
Extra Income	495.40	527.00	+ 1.50	3.99
-do- Accum	816.10	868.20	+ 2.50	3.99
Financial	243.20	258.70	+ 1.20	0.94
-do- Accum	259.40	277.00	+ 1.10	0.94
Gilt Trust	63.34	65.31†	+ 0.11	7.04
-do- Accum	104.30	107.50†	+ 0.19	7.04
Health Fund Inc	320.80	342.50	+ 1.80	
-do- Accum	320.80	342.50	+ 1.80	.
Income & Growth	288.20	306.60	+ 0.70	3.54
-do- Accum	471.60	501.70	+ 1.30	3.54
Intl Growth	501.30	533.70	+ 0.80	
-do- Accum	556.70	592.60	+ 0.90	
Japan & Gen	147.90	156.90		...
-do- Accum	149.40	158.50		
Monthly Inc #	246.30	262.00†	+ 0.60	4.26
-do- Accum #	255.50	271.80†	+ 0.60	4.26
Managed Port Inc	140.90	148.30	+ 0.40	1.21
-do- Accum	154.90	163.10	+ 0.50	1.21
Quarterly Income #	67.73	72.38	+ 0.20	5.17
-do- Accum #	81.39	86.98	+ 0.23	5.17
Recovery	352.00	378.50	+ 0.40	
-do- Accum	415.60	444.50	+ 0.40	
UK Growth	81.23	86.41	+ 0.33	1.79
-do- Accum	89.74	95.47	+ 0.36	1.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715894				
FP American	81.15	86.24	+ 0.05	.
FP Am Smllr Cos	249.90	265.50	- 0.70	.
FP Asian Growth	243.20	258.40	- 0.90	..
FP Australian	480.70	512.70	- 1.80	.

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FP Equity Dist	578.20	618.70	+ 0.30	1.81
-do- Accum	1305.00	1391.00	+ 7.00	1.81
FP Euro Gth	393.00	419.10	+ 2.60	
-do- Accum	430.50	459.10	+ 2.80	
FP Intl Bond	57.56	60.93	+ 0.11	4.06
FP Intl Gth Dist	45.85	48.90	+ 0.09	
-do- Accum	67.34	71.82	+ 0.12	
FP Pac Basin Acc	210.70	224.70†	- 0.60	0.81
FP Income #	72.99	77.85	+ 0.02	4.17
-do- Accum #	264.80	282.40	+ 0.10	4.17
FP Jap Smllr Cos	197.90	211.00	- 1.30	
FP Monthly Dist #	87.03	92.83†	+ 0.11	4.09
FP Stlg Deposit	100.20	100.20†	..	6.28
FP Tokyo	75.10	80.10	+ 0.18	
FP UK Focus	53.43	56.98†	- 0.06	1.29
FP UK Growth	255.20	272.20	+ 0.10	1.36
-do- Accum	525.30	560.30	.	1.36
Stewardship Dist	494.70	527.60	+ 1.70	1.36
-do- Accum	629.30	671.20	+ 2.20	1.36
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	82.31	87.79	+ 0.15	4.80
-do- Accum #	117.30	125.10	+ 0.20	4.80
N Am Stshp Dist	170.00	181.10	...	..
-do- Accum	183.00	194.90	- 0.10	
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	127.80	128.40		2.90
Inst Ethical Ac #	129.20	129.80	..	2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	153.00	162.70	+ 0.50	0.46
Open Cap Gth Acc	154.50	164.30	+ 0.30	.
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	136.30	145.00	+ 1.10	2.43
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	147.60	157.00	+ 1.10	2.43
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	141.80	150.60	+ 0.60	3.49
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	155.40	165.30	+ 0.70	3.49
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 108/7				
GANDA	379.60	399.60	+ 0.70	1.44
Cash	40.66	50.42	...	4.52
Growth Portfolio	105.80	112.50	+ 0.90	..
Income Portfolio	88.98	93.66	+ 0.97	2.84
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smlr Cos	285.10	304.50	+ 0.80	0.11
European Gth	914.70	971.50	+ 5.40	0.49
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	61.00	64.66†	+ 0.09	3.27
-do- Accum	71.25	75.41	+ 0.10	3.27
High Yield #	54.49	57.59	+ 0.02	7.02
-do- Accum #	63.90	67.54	+ 0.02	7.02
Income Inc	233.40	249.78†	+ 1.70	3.56
-do- Accum	275.70	294.90	+ 2.00	3.56
Intl Growth	440.10	465.30	+ 0.40	0.27
Intl Income	116.30	123.20	+ 0.70	1.92
Japan Growth	422.60	447.70	- 0.80	
Orient Acc	181.60	193.70	- 2.50	0.15
UK General Inc	238.00	254.10	+ 1.00	1.55
UK General Acc	431.50	460.60	+ 1.90	1.55
UK Sm Cos Ov Acc	67.47	72.16	+ 0.45	1.61
UK Spec Sits	123.30	131.90†	+ 1.10	1.15
US Growth	251.50	265.90	.	.
Wwide Spec Sits	209.00	222.40	- 0.10	.
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	75.95	81.05	+ 0.40	1.68
Practical Inv Inc #	141.83	151.69†	+ 0.24	3.17
-do- Accum #	352.82	377.35†	+ 0.60	3.17
UK Index	228.93	230.08†	+ 0.13	2.85
UK Smaller Cos	244.89	261.91†	+ 0.64	0.40
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	25.47	27.43†	+ 0.07	7.00
High Income	43.42	46.30	+ 0.18	3.30
UK Growth & Inc	201.18	214.83†	+ 0.73	1.78
Gilt-ed Bond	28.34	29.37†	+ 0.07	4.97
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	52.47	56.12	- 0.05	.
Global Managed	167.88	178.05†	+ 0.24	1.02
Gold & Intl Res	106.66	114.07†	- 2.04	
Global Utilities	180.15	192.20†	+ 0.63	0.43
Overseas Funds				
American	261.46	276.91	+ 0.64	0.36
European	176.11	187.14	+ 0.95	0.43
Euro Sel Opps	278.47	296.21	+ 1.41	.
Amer Emerging	221.52	235.65	+ 0.92	
Hong Kong	189.88	204.06	- 6.14	0.92
Japan	185.96	196.43	+ 0.56	
Pacific Growth	195.42	209.86	- 1.30	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Cash Trust	153.16	153.16†	+ 0.03	6.56
Managed Equity	307.83	307.83†	+ 0.11	1.49
Long Term Bal	325.73	325.73†	+ 0.28	2.42
Med Term Bal	265.35	265.35†	+ 0.20	2.61
UK Equity	386.57	386.57	+ 5.48	1.89
UK Emerging Cos	194.89	194.89	+ 0.77	2.13
American	435.59	435.59†	+ 1.05	0.17
Japan	109.63	109.63†	- 0.85	
European	457.77	457.77†	+ 2.28	0.52
Index Linked Gilt	206.96	206.96†	+ 0.17	2.54
Fixed Interest	201.19	201.19	+ 0.28	6.60
Amer Emerging	478.89	478.89	- 3.19	..
Pacific	188.91	188.91	+ 5.21	1.15
Emerging Mkts	152.65	152.65	- 0.02	0.70
Index Strat Japan	113.47	113.47	- 0.46	0.90
-do- Pacific Rim	174.85	174.85	- 0.77	1.44
-do- Cont Europe	248.00	248.00	+ 1.40	1.14
Index Strat USA	262.81	262.81	+ 0.75	1.10
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	145.54	154.83	+ 0.66	
Med Term Bal	127.13	135.24	+ 1.21	
Long Term Bal	147.22	156.61	+ 0.12	.
UK Equity	180.34	191.84	+ 2.71	.
UK Emerging Cos	92.05	97.92	+ 0.39	
American	202.43	215.35	+ 0.52	
Japan	52.47	55.81	- 0.02	
European	190.71	202.88	+ 1.02	.
Fixed Interest	104.36	111.01	+ 0.15	.
Index Linked Gilt	92.31	98.20	+ 0.08	.
Deposit	92.70	98.61	+ 0.02	..
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	176.38	185.66†	+ 0.20	2.46
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stg & Intl Inc	630.39	663.39	+ 4.75	.
-do- Accum	942.58	1002.74	+ 5.40	
European Inc	224.18	237.83	+ 1.04	0.48
Amalgam Inc	193.38	205.62	+ 0.51	...
N America Inc	565.63	601.73	+ 0.51	.
Far East Inc	337.39	358.82	+ 1.09	0.33
-do- Accum	350.67	372.42	+ 1.13	0.33
UK Divid Inc	259.84	276.43	+ 0.47	0.87
For John Govett see AIB Govett				
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9858				
European	748.30	799.40	+ 4.30	.
Gilt & Fixed	140.50	149.00	+ 0.30	5.06
Growth Equity	535.70	572.30	- 0.60	0.78
Income Trust	192.00	205.10	+ 0.80	3.38
International	241.40	257.90†	+ 0.20	.
Japan Trust	106.30	113.50	+ 0.80	
Nth American	474.90	507.30	- 0.30	.
Pacific	490.20	523.70	- 3.10	0.28
Guardhill	757.50	809.20	- 0.30	0.80
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
European Bond	101.86	105.67	+ 0.77	4.83
Global High Inc	98.31	102.05	+ 0.44	5.05
Stlg Bond Ptlo	113.29	117.68†	+ 0.28	5.85
Cautl Mgd Ptlo	134.42	142.92†	+ 0.68	4.52
European Ptlo	164.60	175.01	+ 1.11	
World Mkts Ptlo	86.51	91.97	+ 0.33	0.64
UK Eq Inc Ptlo	179.15	190.48	+ 0.86	3.06
-do- Accum	271.33	288.49	+ 1.29	3.06
UK Opps	507.50	539.50†	- 0.30	2.41
-do- Accum	620.70	660.00	- 0.30	2.41
St Vinc High Inc	153.30	155.59†	+ 1.07	6.38
UK Emerg Cos	317.00	337.10	+ 0.60	2.67
Inst UK Sm Co	411.80	419.10	..	3.05
Glob Priv Tst	157.00	166.93†	+ 2.55	1.12
-do- Accum	164.15	174.53	+ 2.68	1.12
Inc Share Tst	105.34	112.01	+ 0.28	7.47
Small Cos	99.92	106.22	- 0.02	1.73
HK & China Tst	101.86	108.30	- 1.31	
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Balanced Inc	66.33	70.33†	+ 0.06	2.86
Balanced Acc	72.35	76.72	+ 0.07	2.86
Growth	42.09	44.64†	+ 0.02	1.56
Growth Acc	44.28	46.96	+ 0.02	1.56
Income	39.90	42.31†	+ 0.08	3.56
Income Acc	44.25	46.92	+ 0.10	3.56
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	35.46	38.42	+ 0.03	2.43
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	106.80	110.30†	+ 0.40	6.21
Model Ptolio	307.50	323.10	+ 0.10	1.51
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 690 230 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Port Acc	56.59	60.04	+ 0.24	2.53
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0845 494949 Dealing: 0845 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	414.98	444.02†	- 0.06	0.37
Best of British	91.65	97.63	+ 0.08	1.66
UK Smaller Cos	168.32	180.93	+ 0.50	0.93
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	392.47	417.96	+ 0.74	2.64
-do- Accum #	1140.86	1214.97	+ 2.14	2.64
High Income	425.29	454.62	+ 0.41	3.64
Extra Income #	352.47	374.84†	+ 1.40	5.59
Pref & Bond	55.29	57.13	+ 0.15	7.50
International				
Ethical	144.43	154.46	+ 0.76	1.26
International	381.10	404.55†	+ 0.72	
Global Bond	54.68	57.57†	+ 0.21	5.55
Intl Port Tst	114.84	122.82	+ 0.84	0.40
Global Tech	313.17	333.60	+ 2.55	.
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	177.27	189.56	- 0.69	1.05
European	824.03	873.16	+ 5.59	0.04
European Income #	113.79	120.54	+ 0.86	2.96
Euro Smlr Cos	234.60	250.37†	+ 2.45	0.30
European Value	122.87	130.85†	+ 1.59	.
-do- Accum	132.68	141.30	+ 1.71	.
Japan Trust	155.67	165.58	- 0.61	..
Japan Smlr Cos	130.15	138.34†	- 0.70	
Pacific Smlr Cos	200.39	213.49†	- 1.72	
North American	431.73	457.83	+ 0.86	.
American Smaller	240.24	255.40†	+ 0.65	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	159.45	166.96	- 0.21	1.22
Capital	244.44	255.96		1.02
Dollar	656.12	687.03	+ 1.69	
Enterprise Gth	507.33	531.23†	+ 0.06	0.61
European	355.91	372.68	+ 1.36	
Far East	259.07	271.28	- 1.45	1.07
Financial	1444.28	1512.34†	+ 4.34	1.16
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	28.72	29.87	+ 0.09	6.04
High Yield #	143.38	150.13	+ 0.32	3.93
Income & Growth #	213.01	223.05	+ 0.17	2.89
International	346.01	362.32	+ 0.42	0.39
Japanese General	166.37	174.21	- 0.81	
Japan Tech	78.77	82.48	- 0.06	
Natl Resources	76.19	79.78	+ 0.09	0.69
Portfolio	100.15	104.87	+ 0.09	1.57
Special Sits	241.73	253.12†	- 1.81	0.28
UK Emerging Cos	137.26	143.73†	+ 0.46	1.04
US Smaller Cos	209.08	218.93	+ 0.42	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 898 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	628.10	663.80	+ 2.60	4.30
UK Growth	866.50	924.80†	- 1.90	1.88
High Income #	144.50	154.20†	+ 0.50	5.04
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	627.50	667.90	+ 3.30	
European Gwth	203.30	216.08	+ 1.20	0.02
Japan Gwth	246.30	263.90†		
Japan Smllr Cos	22.36	23.86	- 0.05	...
Asian	52.95	56.51	- 0.56	0.71
Stlg & Malay Gwth	61.30	65.42	+ 0.31	.
Hong Kong Gwth	201.20	214.70	- 4.20	0.27
Global Bond	21.40	22.54	+ 0.08	4.47
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	216.70	217.80	+ 0.20	2.64
Thee Index	143.30	146.80†	+ 0.88	1.97
THE FOOTSIE FUND	88.09	88.53	- 0.06	2.23
Index Funds-International				
American Index	394.30	396.30	+ 1.50	0.57
Eurotrack 100	259.80	261.18	+ 1.50	0.95
Japan Index	60.14	60.44	- 0.10	0.20
Tiger Index	135.90	139.10†	- 0.50	0.77
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	53.86	56.25	+ 0.39	1.73
General Funds				
Managed Dist	102.80	107.40		1.09
Managed	105.70	111.40	.	1.09
Rupert Child Fnd	138.20	144.20	+ 0.30	1.82

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	89.89	92.94	+ 0.23	1.09
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	106.00	112.80	+ 0.40	4.81
Gilt & Fixed Int #	28.83	29.79†	+ 0.08	7.30
UK Inc & Gwth	82.10	84.88	+ 0.15	2.35
UK Income #	474.60	495.70	+ 1.80	3.60
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	83.23	86.12†	- 0.08	
Amer Smllr Cos	220.60	229.40	- 0.10	..
-do- Accum	223.00	231.80	- 0.10	...
Europe Gth	303.10	315.60	+ 0.70	..
-do- Accum	314.00	327.90	+ 0.80	
Euro Smaller Cos	53.51	55.71†	+ 0.13	.
French Growth	116.40	120.70	+ 0.40	0.38
-do- Accum	126.00	130.70	+ 0.60	0.38
H Kong & China	132.00	137.50	- 2.80	0.23
Intl Growth	81.28	84.66	+ 0.27	0.41
-do- Accum	82.81	86.25	+ 0.27	0.41
Japan Gth	24.02	25.03	+ 0.23	...
-do- Accum	24.02	25.03	+ 0.23	.
Japan Smaller Cos	23.57	24.60†	- 0.30	...
Glob Emg Mkts	110.20	115.19	+ 0.50	..
-do- Accum	110.50	115.89	+ 0.40	...
SE Asia	287.80	300.60	- 3.10	0.27
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	50.58	52.17†	+ 0.22	6.34
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690448				
UK Income #	139.10	147.20†	+ 0.50	2.77
UK Growth	144.90	153.30†	+ 0.70	1.39
Euro Growth	121.40	127.30	+ 0.90	1.75
Slater Gwth	222.90	237.80†	+ 0.30	0.85
New Japan	65.57	69.24	- 0.24	.
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	232.10	246.80	- 0.20	.
Income #	274.29	291.79	+ 0.56	3.85
UK Growth	102.70	109.25	+ 0.36	2.11
Intl Growth	100.05	106.42	+ 0.25	0.41
Ecology	121.75	129.51†	+ 0.15	0.66
European	258.78	273.16	+ 1.87	0.49
Far Eastern	314.30	334.30	+ 1.10	...
UK Special Sits	66.85	71.31†	+ 0.13	0.96
Fd of Inv Tsts	62.84	67.03	+ 0.14	0.40
High Income #	61.71	65.81†	+ 0.29	4.59
Financial Opps	52.66	58.16	+ 0.34	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealings: 0177 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	108.20	112.20†	+ 0.40	6.61
Euro Prfr Inc	130.20	138.50	+ 1.10	2.59
-do- Accum	130.50	138.80	+ 1.10	2.59
Gilt Yield	128.90	133.70†	+ 0.25	6.34
Global Income	273.50	290.90	+ 0.60	2.75
High Yield	204.10	217.10	- 0.90	4.37
-do- Accum	705.00	750.00	- 3.20	4.37
Money Market	101.64	101.64	...	6.18
Smllr Cos Div	70.50	75.00†	+ 0.11	3.45
Exempt Co Ex Acc	1206.00	1225.00	..	3.14
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	213.90	227.50	+ 2.70	
Asian Growth	261.50	278.10	- 1.10	0.22
-do- Accum	307.90	327.50	- 1.20	0.22
North American	145.80	155.10	+ 1.20	
European Special	168.30	179.00	+ 1.10	.
European	236.00	251.00	+ 1.80	0.51
-do- Accum	313.90	333.80	+ 2.40	0.51
Global Eqty Inc	144.30	153.30	+ 0.40	1.48
Japan	340.30	362.00	+ 0.30	..
Japanese Special	169.80	180.60	- 0.20	..
Smaller Cos	163.80	174.20	+ 0.30	0.89
UK Equity Growth	65.14	69.29	+ 0.21	1.02
UK Index Inc	436.00	438.10	+ 3.60	3.03
Birstem Tst	122.90	132.10†	+ 5.80	1.62
-do- Accum	126.00	135.40†	+ 5.80	1.62
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	395.94	421.21	+ 0.88	3.92
Esk Growth	123.78	131.68†	- 1.79	0.55
Inc & Growth	87.95	93.57	+ 0.11	3.20
Smaller Cos	106.19	112.97†	+ 0.28	1.44
Emr Spec Sit Inc	64.75	68.88	- 0.02	1.88
Emy Spec Sit Acc	67.94	72.28	- 0.02	1.88
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	583.30	616.80	+ 0.40	1.41
UK Inc/Gth #	632.10	657.90	+ 1.10	2.92
UK Income #	440.10	467.00	+ 0.60	3.78
UK Sm Cos	333.20	356.40†	+ 1.30	1.65
Euro Gwth	200.70	212.20	+ 1.30	0.13
N Amer Gwth	157.10	165.80	+ 0.40	..
Pacific Growth	9.66	10.25	- 0.04	0.46
Emg Mkts Gwth	86.36	91.68	- 0.31	...
Japan Growth	50.21	53.27	+ 0.02	..
Dealing: 01277 843626				
Gwth Port Inc	84.49	89.35†	+ 0.55	0.58
Gwth Port Acc	86.31	91.27†	+ 0.57	0.58
Inc Port Inc	77.26	81.54	+ 1.80	3.34
Inc Port Acc	88.59	93.50	+ 1.15	3.26
Wwide Port	67.90	71.80	- 0.10	..
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01222 448412 Dealing: 01222 695512				
Equity Dist @	756.40	758.40	+ 0.80	1.95
-do- Accum @	1588.00	1599.00	+ 1.00	1.95
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European @	188.00	188.00†	+ 0.80	0.15
Far Eastern @	205.30	205.30†	- 0.20	...
Fixed Interest @	58.84	58.84†	+ 0.10	7.31
Gilt @	97.05	97.05	+ 0.09	6.07
Global Growth @	91.43	91.43	+ 0.11	.
Intl Bond @	49.63	49.63†	+ 0.15	5.38
Japanese @	62.73	62.73	- 0.05	...
North American @	294.40	294.40	+ 0.90	...
Pacific Growth @	109.00	109.00†	- 0.80	0.37
Pacific Index @	42.67	42.67†	- 0.15	2.32
UK Index @	98.57	98.57	+ 0.07	2.49
UK Recovery @	140.30	140.30	+ 0.18	1.42
UK Smaller Cos @	182.90	182.90†	+ 0.60	1.05
US Index @	115.20	115.20	+ 0.30	0.74
European Index @	119.10	119.18†	+ 0.60	1.02
Japan Index @	30.87	30.87	- 0.11	
Worldwide @	117.50	117.50	+ 0.20	0.94
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	71.74	76.72	- 0.02	1.97
Income	84.24	90.09	+ 0.14	3.34
Far East	40.17	42.96	- 0.10	..
North American	177.60	188.70	+ 0.70	
Global	102.10	109.10	+ 0.60	0.29
European	132.60	141.70	+ 1.80	0.57
Japan	74.75	79.68	- 0.10	.
Intl Currency Bd	56.91	60.28†	+ 0.16	4.94
SE Asia	83.78	89.60	- 0.31	0.48
UK Cap Growth	129.10	138.00†	.	1.70
Recovery Trust	104.00	111.20	+ 0.20	1.81
Managed	81.70	87.37†	+ 0.25	1.50
Cash	51.53	51.53	.	6.44
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 330 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	523.20	556.70	- 0.90	1.88
-do- Accum	1262.00	1343.00	- 3.00	1.88
Contl Euro Gth	101.60	107.00	+ 0.80	0.02
-do- Accum	110.00	115.80	+ 0.80	0.02
Extra Inc #	367.40	390.90	+ 0.60	3.28
Extra Inc Acc #	1042.00	1109.00	+ 2.00	3.28
FTSE 100 Inc	162.90	173.30	- 0.60	2.03
FTSE 100 Acc	173.50	184.60	- 0.60	2.03
German Gth	182.70	192.40	+ 0.70	
-do- Accum	191.60	201.70	+ 0.80	
Growth Port	799.40	850.50†	- 0.80	0.19
-do- Accum	842.80	896.40	- 0.90	0.19
High Interest Inc	109.80	113.80†	+ 0.50	6.75
High Interest Acc	123.40	127.90	+ 0.60	6.75
Hi Reserve Inc #	126.50	134.60	+ 0.30	5.26
Hi Reserve Acc #	144.40	153.70	+ 0.30	5.35
Income Inc #	721.40	767.50	- 8.00	2.88
Income Acc #	2094.00	2228.00	- 22.00	2.88
Income Port	695.60	740.00	+ 5.30	3.67
-do- Accum	807.40	859.00	+ 6.20	3.67
Japan Growth	85.72	91.20	- 0.36	...
-do- Accum	86.02	91.52	- 0.38	
Master Trust	79.62	84.71	- 0.01	1.10
-do- Accum	93.54	99.52	- 0.02	1.10
Millennium Acc	119.40	127.10†	+ 0.40	1.92
N American Gth	325.90	346.80	- 0.60	0.02
-do- Accum	377.20	401.30	- 0.80	0.02
NAm Sm Co Rec	253.30	269.50	+ 0.40	.
-do- Accum	258.50	275.00	+ 0.40	
Pacific Basin	215.10	228.90	- 1.30	0.55
-do- Accum	229.30	244.00	- 1.40	0.55
Safety First Acc	116.10	122.30	+ 0.30	1.54
Do until 2/10/98 ‡	109.20			
Small Cos Rec	578.10	600.20	+ 1.30	1.95
-do- Accum	793.60	835.60	+ 1.80	1.85
UK Eq Gth	209.50	222.90†	- 0.30	2.20
UK Eq Inc #	167.50	178.20†		3.45
UK Growth	134.40	143.00	- 0.30	1.54
-do- Accum	177.60	182.60	- 0.30	1.54
Worldwide Gth	422.20	449.20	+ 1.40	0.26
-do- Accum	624.60	664.50	+ 2.10	0.26
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	119.05	127.27	+ 0.27	0.30
General	133.34	142.43	- 0.10	2.10
Income	91.70	98.39†	- 0.06	4.09
International	84.49	90.65	+ 0.37	0.30
Japan	48.57	51.99	+ 0.12	.
Tst of Inv Trusts	89.77	95.24†	+ 0.21	0.80
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	681.40	729.90	+ 2.40	0.13
-do- Accum	867.80	915.20	+ 3.00	0.13
Amer Recovery	909.90	961.20	+ 8.70	0.03
-do- Accum	1051.10	1111.60	+ 10.08	0.03
Amer Smllr Cos	209.90	222.00	+ 0.70	..
-do- Accum	214.40	226.80	+ 0.60	.
Australasian	224.30	237.20	- 0.70	2.21
-do- Accum	286.90	303.40	- 0.90	2.21
Capital	1124.30	1188.90	+ 5.20	2.51
-do- Accum	1375.80	1454.90	+ 6.40	2.51
Charifund	987.30	997.20	+ 5.30	4.87
-do- Accum	5351.70	5405.30	+ 28.80	4.87
Commodity	469.80	496.80	+ 0.30	0.63
-do- Accum	695.20	736.20	+ 0.50	0.63
Compound Gth	1379.60	1458.90	+ 7.80	2.32
-do- Accum	1542.80	1631.50	+ 8.70	2.32
Corporate Bond	28.62	28.71†	+ 0.08	6.30
Dividend	55.40	58.60	+ 0.20	4.13
-do- Accum	255.39	270.40	+ 1.20	4.13
Equity Income	382.70	404.70	+ 1.80	4.92
-do- Accum	554.60	586.40	+ 2.20	4.92
Euro & General	802.40	848.50	+ 9.20	0.48
-do- Accum	1035.70	1095.20	+ 11.90	0.48
Euro Dividend #	99.50	105.20	+ 0.70	3.14
-do- Accum #	130.40	137.90	+ 0.90	3.14

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	61.50	65.00	+ 0.10	0.50
-do- Accum	61.70	65.20	+ 0.10	0.50
Extra Yield	580.50	613.90†	+ 3.90	4.51
-do- Accum	2047.00	2165.00†	+ 13.90	4.51
Fund of Inv Tsts	832.50	869.80	+ 1.30	1.38
-do- Accum	1604.60	1697.00	+ 2.70	1.38
General	89.90	95.10	+ 0.20	3.10
-do- Accum	273.30	289.10	+ 0.70	3.10
Gilt Income	68.21	68.32	+ 0.13	5.80
-do- Accum	218.42	218.78	+ 0.57	5.80
Gold	57.60	60.90	- 0.10	0.87
-do- Accum	69.50	73.40	- 0.20	0.87
High Income	42.10	44.50	+ 0.20	4.05
-do- Accum	187.20	197.90	+ 0.80	4.05
Intl Growth	99.02	104.70	+ 0.90	0.02
-do- Accum	176.30	186.50	+ 1.60	0.02
International Inc	132.50	140.10†	+ 0.50	3.85
-do- Accum	220.00	232.70†	+ 0.90	3.85
Japan & Gen	29.30	30.90	+ 0.10	.
-do- Accum	31.40	33.10	...	.
Japan Smlr Cos	99.90	105.60	- 0.40	..
-do- Accum	100.60	106.30	- 0.40	.
Managed Gwth	30.90	32.80	+ 0.10	1.32
Managed Income	35.60	37.40†	+ 0.20	4.08
Midland	66.60	70.60†	+ 0.20	2.62
-do- Accum	241.10	254.50†	+ 0.80	2.62
Pension Ex	1343.00	1377.40	+ 6.10	3.28
Recovery	58.00	61.30	+ 0.40	2.44
-do- Accum	102.20	108.10	+ 0.80	2.44
Second General	87.90	93.00	+ 0.40	3.58
-do- Accum	246.30	260.70	+ 1.00	3.58
Smaller Cos	69.60	73.60	+ 0.10	2.66
-do- Accum	148.00	156.50	+ 0.20	2.66
Sth East Asia	345.90	365.80	- 0.70	1.56
-do- Accum	468.00	485.00	- 1.00	1.56
Treasury	25.16	25.22†	+ 0.01	6.66
Trustee	54.00	57.10	+ 0.20	4.38
-do- Accum	239.60	253.40	+ 0.80	4.38
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	136.47	145.48†	+ 1.60	0.38
Intl Bond	63.23	66.40	+ 0.12	3.78
Intl Equity Growth	101.42	107.86	+ 0.43	0.46
N Amer Growth	177.51	188.17†	+ 0.26	0.64
Special Sits Growth	35.17	37.41†	- 0.01	1.94
UK Growth	583.28	620.42†	- 0.56	2.21
-do- Accum	624.32	678.93	- 0.81	2.21
M&W JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1572.80	1594.00	...	2.70
Income #	1195.00	1213.49		4.20
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	196.30	200.80†	+ 3.70	3.56
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Income #	105.40	108.70	+ 0.30	5.95
Investment Ptlo	215.10	227.70	+ 0.60	1.99
-do- Accum	350.60	368.60	+ 0.70	1.99
UK Select Ptlo	202.16	208.39	+ 0.20	1.95
-do- Accum	246.69	256.30	+ 0.30	1.95
UK 100 Cos	156.90	156.90†	- 0.10	2.12
-do- Accum	163.20	163.20†	.	2.12
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	79.39	84.46†	...	2.90
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	103.70	110.10†	+ 0.20	3.76
European	131.10	139.20	+ 1.90	0.32
Income #	104.90	111.40	+ 0.10	3.86
Nth American	135.10	143.40	+ 0.30	0.08
Far East	176.00	186.80	- 0.50	.
Japan	60.22	63.93	+ 0.25	..
Emrging Mkts	103.78	110.90	+ 0.30	0.41
Intl Growth	162.30	172.30†	+ 1.10	0.31
UK Growth	152.30	161.60	+ 0.50	2.33
UK Smlr Co	69.20	73.46	+ 0.05	1.67
Asia Pacific	35.71	38.19	- 0.34	0.76
Glob Gwth PEP	78.32	83.13†	+ 0.46	0.73
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	117.90	125.50†	+ 0.90	.
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	597.67	635.82†	+ 0.71	2.92
Global Inc	91.37	97.20†	+ 0.11	2.56
Brit Leaders Inc	470.34	509.96†	+ 0.16	1.59
Intl Leaders	297.39	316.37†	+ 0.09	0.89
PAM Mg Bal Gwth	79.56	82.83†	+ 0.26	0.20
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445592				
American	364.80	384.50	+ 0.500	
-do- Accum	390.10	411.10	+ 0.400	..
American Opps	156.70	166.30†	+ 0.200	..
-do- Accum	158.70	168.30†	+ 0.100	..
British Blue Chip	125.90	133.70†	+ 0.200	2.25
-do- Accum	167.08	177.30†	+ 0.300	2.25
Cash	181.30	181.30	..	6.64
-do- Accum	155.40	155.40		6.64
Emerging Mkts	184.90	177.30	+ 0.200	0.17
-do- Accum	187.20	179.80	+ 0.300	0.17
European Growth	424.90	449.70	+ 3.200	0.12
-do- Accum	463.80	490.80	+ 3.300	0.12
European Income	105.20	111.50	+ 1.000	3.63
-do- Accum	158.50	167.80	+ 1.300	3.63
General	737.00	783.60†	+ 0.300	2.05
-do- Accum	1537.00	1634.90†	+ 1.000	2.05
Global Bond	128.82	135.20†	+ 0.700	4.32
-do- Accum	178.90	188.00†	+ 0.900	4.32
Gold & General	166.10	177.80	- 0.90	0.41
-do- Accum	171.90	184.80	- 0.90	0.41
Govt Securities	108.90	104.00	+ 0.300	5.16
-do- Accum	222.00	226.80	+ 0.500	5.16
High Yield Bd	109.28	111.80†	+ 0.400	5.88
-do- Accum	122.40	125.40†	+ 0.500	5.88
Income	246.20	261.60	+ 0.400	3.44
-do- Accum	422.80	449.40	+ 0.800	3.44
Inc Portfolio #	131.90	139.70†	+ 0.200	4.67
-do- Accum #	150.30	159.20†	+ 0.300	4.67
Intl Opps	676.40	721.30	- 0.10	0.69
-do- Accum	919.03	980.60	- 0.20	0.69
Japan	164.37	175.10	+ 0.200	...
-do- Accum	168.70	179.70	+ 0.200	
New Europe	297.10	318.90	+ 1.800	0.88
-do- Accum	311.90	332.70	+ 2.000	0.88
Pacific	94.93	101.30	- 1.00	0.22
-do- Accum	102.40	109.20	- 1.20	0.22
Recovery	568.60	606.50	+ 2.400	1.49
-do- Accum	757.20	807.70	+ 3.200	1.49
UK Smaller Cos	68.66	73.24†	+ 0.280	1.39
-do- Accum	80.41	85.77†	+ 0.330	1.39
Portfolio	112.20	119.00†	+ 0.300	2.50
-do- Accum	141.40	150.00†	+ 0.400	2.50
Managed Gth	147.10	153.70	+ 0.300	1.85
Managed Inc	142.50	148.10	+ 0.600	3.64
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Europewth Plus	196.79	211.48	+ 1.76	0.11
Portfolio	97.91	104.16	+ 0.31	1.15
UK Income Inc	118.98	126.57†	+ 0.38	3.73
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	88.72	94.52†	+ 0.07	2.34
-do- Accum	91.41	95.72†	+ 0.09	2.34
British Tst	138.10	145.70	- 0.30	1.79
-do- Accum	170.20	178.20	- 0.30	1.79
Corp Bond Inc	105.80	109.60	+ 0.40	6.46
-do- Accum	114.20	118.30	+ 0.50	6.46
Extra High Inc	85.70	89.74†	+ 0.25	5.69
-do- Accum #	195.20	204.40†	+ 0.58	5.69
FTSE 100 Acc	95.32	99.81	- 0.06	1.82
FTSE 100 Dist	87.72	91.85	- 0.06	1.82
Gilt & Fxd Int	59.21	61.81†	+ 0.10	5.99
-do- Accum	198.80	208.80†	+ 0.30	5.99
High Yield	300.30	314.50	+ 1.00	5.28
-do- Accum #	861.40	902.00	+ 2.70	5.28
Household Names	121.40	122.00†		1.47
Income	413.60	433.20	+ 1.20	3.68
-do- Accum #	1007	1054	+ 3.00	3.68
Money Market UT	49.74	49.75	+ 0.01	6.39
-do- Accum	87.10	87.11	+ 0.01	6.39
Monthly Income	118.90	124.50†	+ 0.40	4.07
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	175.50	185.70	- 0.30	1.77
European Growth	180.30	191.10	- 0.80	...
Gilt & Fixed	112.30	119.10	+ 0.20	5.90
Income	138.38	147.10	+ 0.40	3.52
Japan Growth	39.37	41.63	- 0.54	..
Managed	99.78	108.10	+ 0.18	2.26
Money Market	100.70	106.80	+ 0.10	5.11
North American	145.20	153.80	- 0.10	.
Midland PSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	160.70	171.60	- 0.40	1.75
European Growth	169.10	179.30	- 0.70	.
Gilt & Fixed Int	104.80	111.20	+ 0.20	5.92
Income	135.50	144.10	+ 0.40	3.51
Japan Growth	38.25	41.60	- 0.54	...
Managed	95.88	102.00	+ 0.10	2.24
Money Market	92.70	98.38	+ 0.02	5.12
North American	130.00	137.80	- 0.10	.
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	159.30	169.50	- 0.40	1.75
European Growth	165.20	175.20	- 0.70	.
Gilt & Fund Int	94.35	100.10	+ 0.18	5.92
Income	131.50	139.91	+ 0.40	3.52
Japan Growth	40.36	42.98	- 0.55	..
Managed	98.79	105.10	+ 0.10	2.24
Money Market	83.87	86.91	+ 0.01	5.13
North American	145.50	154.30	- 0.10	.
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	618.50	654.30	+ 2.90	..
European Gth Inc	687.20	730.80	+ 4.50	
-do- Accum	694.70	738.60	+ 4.60	...
Intl Gwth	299.20	296.60	+ 0.90	.
UK Equity Inc	271.70	288.80†	+ 1.00	3.57
Do. Accum	384.60	408.90†	+ 1.40	3.57
UK Growth Inc	159.30	170.40	+ 0.30	2.81
-do- Accum	165.80	177.40	+ 0.30	2.81
UK Ind Trckr Inc	249.00	265.70	+ 0.30	2.45
-do- Accum	314.90	336.00	+ 0.30	2.45
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	379.70	401.40†	+ 1.20	0.86
Japan Tracker	55.39	58.43	- 0.16	
Asian Tracker	155.90	217.20†	- 0.70	0.32
Mngd Ptflo Inc	223.70	238.10	+ 0.50	1.48
Mngd Ptflo Acc	247.70	263.70	+ 0.70	1.46
Deposit Inc	100.04	100.04†	+ 0.01	6.82
Europe	285.80	305.70	+ 2.10	.
Genesis	230.30	249.80	+ 0.70	2.25
High Income	21.49	22.70†		10.00
Japan Growth	87.52	92.92	+ 0.20	...

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	126.80	129.60†	+ 0.70	1.74
Acumen Inc	113.10	115.59†	...	1.74
Acumen Reserve	107.90	108.00†	+ 0.50	6.40
-do- Inc	78.65	78.64†	+ 0.37	6.40
American Growth	92.49	94.32	- 0.01	...
Equity Income #	132.60	136.10†	- 0.20	3.56
European	102.80	104.90†	+ 0.90	..
Smaller Cos	102.30	106.70	+ 0.30	1.21
W'wide Eqty	92.86	94.78	- 0.01	...
Global Bond	42.37	42.75	- 0.01	4.50
UK Growth	137.60	141.70	- 0.20	1.05
Pacific Growth	108.30	112.20	- 1.10	1.27
Japan Growth	87.83	89.31	+ 0.70	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	194.36	206.77	+ 0.46	1.64
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	164.90	173.60	+ 0.50	0.14
European Dist	195.10	205.40	+ 1.50	0.30
Far East Dist	162.00	170.50	- 0.50	...
Global Care Dist	103.50	108.90	+ 0.30	0.53
Oseas Dist	1247.50	1313.20†	+ 4.00	0.39
-do- Accum	1626.10	1711.70	+ 5.30	0.26
UK Dist	551.00	580.00	+ 0.40	1.50
-do- Accum	1140.10	1200.10	+ 1.00	1.50
UK Extra Inc Dist	111.40	117.30	+ 0.20	3.17
Wwide Dist	134.10	141.20†	+ 0.50	...
Wwide Inc Dist	102.60	108.00†	+ 0.20	1.39
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 308				
Europe Inc	101.30	106.90	+ 0.60	0.29
Fund of Funds Inc	81.27	85.77	+ 0.16	1.17
North America Inc	86.29	91.07	+ 0.13	0.10
UK Equity Grth Inc	88.74	93.66	+ 0.62	1.71
-do- Accum	97.35	102.74	+ 0.67	1.71
UK General Inc	82.78	87.37†	+ 0.23	1.84
-do- Accum	93.97	99.18	+ 0.26	1.84
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	49.62	52.26†	+ 0.08	6.01
UK Income Inc	84.01	88.67	+ 0.33	2.71
UK Smlr Cos Inc	128.80	135.90†	+ 0.30	1.08
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	68.69	73.87†	+ 0.35	..
-do- Accum	69.23	73.64†	+ 0.35	.
Bond	135.82	144.71	+ 0.47	4.64
Cash Income	51.10	51.10	.	6.31
-do- Accum	72.35	72.35	+ 0.01	6.31
Challenger	95.43	98.72	+ 0.09	0.90
Distributor	130.50	138.82†	+ 0.10	2.39
European	76.72	81.61	+ 0.58	...
Foundation	134.39	142.96†	+ 2.01	1.57
General Inc	278.59	298.45	+ 1.12	0.98
General Acc	284.62	302.78	+ 1.15	0.98
Growth Inc	171.57	182.52†	- 0.03	1.65
Growth Acc	178.34	190.78†	- 0.03	1.65
Higher Income Inc	42.42	45.61†	+ 0.23	4.97
-do- Accum	53.77	57.20†	+ 0.29	4.97
Income	344.77	366.77†	+ 2.00	3.30
Intrepid	176.65	184.07	.	1.65
Intl Gwth	47.01	50.01	+ 0.09	.
Japan	27.17	28.90	- 0.21	..
Oriental Inc	139.10	147.97	- 0.72	0.35
-do- Accum	144.22	153.42	- 0.73	0.35
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2556				
High Income #	57.49	60.84†	+ 0.19	5.60
UK Growth	142.90	151.20		2.41
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	164.86	173.54†	+ 0.53	0.82
UK Equity	216.47	227.86†	+ 0.50	2.32
UK Equity Income	196.81	207.17	+ 0.44	2.92
UK Smaller Cos	164.96	173.64	+ 0.65	1.14
UK Equity Growth	181.51	191.06†	- 0.11	1.29
UK Index Trckg	216.41	228.40†	+ 0.19	2.15
Intl Index Trckg	204.16	215.47†	+ 0.47	0.60
InterBond	326.58	343.77	+ 1.85	0.66
European	330.64	348.04	+ 1.60	.
Pan European	223.23	234.98	+ 1.09	0.78
Nth American	316.19	332.83	+ 1.56	0.11
N Amer Smlr Cos	349.80	368.21	+ 1.79	..
Japanese	80.88	85.14	+ 0.01	.
Pacific	205.88	216.72	- 0.24	1.02
South East Asian	225.87	237.76†	- 1.19	0.89
Sterling Bond	108.27	113.97†	+ 0.27	6.05
Intl Bond	127.02	133.71	+ 0.62	3.89
Gilt & Convertible	118.70	124.95	+ 0.24	5.63
Property	91.58	96.41	+ 0.07	5.25
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	480.60	515.50	+ 2.90	0.33
-do- Accum	510.80	547.90	+ 3.10	0.38
Japan Inc	89.79	85.09†	+ 0.38	...
Nth American Inc	207.70	219.60	+ 1.10	0.07
Worldwide Inc	220.20	234.10†	+ 0.80	0.02
Hong Kong Inc	209.40	224.30	- 4.50	0.67
Swiss Equities Inc	120.20	128.10	+ 0.80	...
Wwide Bond Inc	69.69	72.51†	+ 0.19	5.15
Emging Asia Inc	165.10	177.40	- 1.00	0.34
-do- Accum	165.70	178.00	- 1.10	0.34
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.51	50.51	+ 0.01	6.20
Thailand Inc	53.87	58.53	- 1.00	2.18
New Zealand Inc	107.20	115.20†	+ 1.00	1.78
Int Mngd PEP Inc	90.08	96.36	+ 0.12	0.51
Latin Am Cap Inc	96.62	103.40	+ 0.40	0.57
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	90.48	91.94	+ 0.07	3.00
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Blue	94.85	100.90†	+ 0.60	.
Global Portfolio	82.65	88.40	- 0.16	...
Way Global Red	74.68	79.43	+ 0.38	..
Marsh Global Gth	70.73	75.01	+ 0.11	0.14
AMR Brit Gwth Inc	135.60	145.10	+ 0.20	0.70
Temple Equity Inc	56.31	61.39	+ 0.23	1.38
Hartley Growth	143.70	152.90	+ 0.40	0.52
Intl Growth Inc	87.29	93.36†	- 0.64	...
IPS Portfolio Inc	112.30	118.70	+ 0.60	..
Roxburgh Stnd Gth	84.20	90.05	+ 0.07	0.16
UFC Growth	76.24	81.54	+ 0.29	0.66
Chadfield Port of Fds	59.50	63.13	+ 0.14	..
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	285.90	304.10	- 0.60	0.77
European Gth	174.20	184.90	+ 2.30	0.22
Income & Gth #	196.60	209.10†	+ 0.80	2.53
Japan Gth	91.88	97.61	- 0.13	...
Nth Amer Gth	308.30	327.00	+ 1.70	0.08
Overseas Gth	146.20	155.20	+ 0.90	
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	358.50	381.30	- 0.30	1.56
-do- Accum	800.90	852.00	- 0.50	1.56
Growth	226.60	240.60	- 0.20	1.55
Income	341.80	363.40†	+ 0.70	3.08
Intl Equity	328.20	349.10†	+ 0.20	0.28
-do- Accum	368.60	392.00	+ 0.10	0.28
Equity Income #	93.91	99.90	+ 0.18	4.29
Equity Growth	130.80	139.40	- 0.10	1.37
New Europe	135.40	144.00	+ 1.10	..
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	856.25	914.49†	+ 1.84	0.19
-do- Accum	865.01	923.86	+ 1.66	0.19
Income	569.26	608.84†	+ 1.62	2.54
Wwide Recovery	564.58	603.61	+ 1.21	0.21
Asian Growth Inc	389.23	413.46	- 0.41	0.01
-do- Accum	389.23	413.46	- 0.41	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	334.63	357.79	+ 0.95	0.01
Far Estn Gwth Inc	292.89	313.36	- 0.80	0.78
-do- Accum	296.55	317.17	- 0.81	0.78
Euro Gwth Inc	252.16	268.90	+ 0.90	0.01
-do- Accum	253.04	269.84	+ 0.91	0.01
UK Growth Inc	146.17	156.34	+ 0.58	2.16
-do- Accum	160.67	171.84	+ 0.55	2.16
High Income	148.84	159.19	+ 0.41	2.86
Jap Gwth Inc	155.19	165.98	+ 0.39	0.01
-do- Accum	155.19	165.98	+ 0.39	0.01
PEP Bond	64.16	65.90	+ 0.20	6.85
PEP Growth	182.53	194.97	+ 0.46	0.43
Asian Sr Mkts Inc	123.26	131.83	- 1.07	0.25
-do- Accum	123.66	132.26	- 1.08	0.25
Amer Smlr Co Inc	260.04	276.89	- 0.24	0.01
-do- Accum	260.04	276.89	- 0.24	0.01
Global Bond	55.49	58.49†	+ 0.19	4.84
UK Smaller Cos Inc	119.38	127.70	+ 0.08	1.83
-do- Accum	129.32	138.32	+ 0.09	1.83
Lat Am Gwth Inc	48.79	52.18	+ 0.17	0.01
-do- Accum	49.58	52.94	+ 0.17	0.01
World Inc PEP #	52.38	55.43†	+ 0.08	4.00
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0181 201 3927				
American	189.38	191.89	+ 0.10	..
European	125.28	133.28	+ 0.08	...
Global	74.46	79.15	- 0.18	.
Pacific	52.46	55.62†	- 0.85	...
UK Inc & Gth	98.23	104.50†	+ 1.25	1.30
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 0171 588 8890				
Asia	50.42	53.25†	- 0.82	..
Emerg Mkts	55.26	58.63	+ 0.30	0.27
Euro Fund	53.21	56.49		.
Fund of Funds	230.61	242.75	+ 0.42	0.02
High Income #	61.30	64.53†	+ 0.45	5.42
Performance	56.70	60.16†	+ 0.02	...
PREMIER PORTFOLIO MGRS LTD				
01483 456 832				
Special Sits	252.50	270.10	+ 0.60	0.48
Dividend	126.50	135.30	- 0.10	3.33
UK Gth & Inc	288.40	307.30	+ 0.50	1.29
UK & Gen	80.88	85.11†	+ 0.10	1.05
Fund of Funds	87.38	93.25†	+ 0.30	..
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01752 740 708				
Principal Tst	210.92	219.08	+ 0.35	2.36
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	159.58	169.20	+ 0.60	1.92
Conv & Gilt	134.20	142.70	- 0.10	3.80
Euro Spe Sit Acc	129.80	138.80	+ 0.30	..
Extra Income	225.40	239.60†	+ 0.30	3.80
-do- Accum	306.70	326.20	+ 0.40	3.80
Far East	368.60	392.10†	..	0.85
-do- Accum	377.10	401.20	.	0.85
Global Income	31.44	33.37	+ 0.15	4.15
High Income	173.60	184.60	+ 0.30	3.66
-do- Accum	227.10	241.60	+ 0.40	3.66
International	255.40	271.70†	+ 0.50	0.14
-do- Accum	266.80	283.60	+ 0.50	0.14
Pref & Fxd Int	50.63	53.86	+ 0.24	6.96
Recovery	104.70	111.40	+ 0.50	2.28
Special Sits	169.60	180.40	+ 0.50	1.43
-do- Accum	192.40	202.60	+ 0.60	1.43
Technology	911.80	969.70	+ 3.20	.
UK Blue Chip	112.90	120.00		2.55
-do- Accum	135.10	143.70		2.55
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing: 0345 406000 Client Enq: 0345 636560				
Managed Tst	51.98	53.87†	+ 0.04	1.61
Cash Haven Inc	101.71	102.21	+ 0.01	6.14
Cash Haven Acc	124.08	124.69	+ 0.02	6.14
Dist Trust Inc	122.69	127.05†	+ 0.20	4.60
Dist Trust Acc	145.29	150.56	+ 0.24	4.69
Global Growth	123.55	131.44	+ 0.39	0.65
Equity Inc	107.31	114.16	+ 0.23	3.82
Equity	1115.17	1186.35†	+ 1.25	1.66
European	358.13	371.12	+ 1.84	0.22
High Income	108.68	115.62†	+ 0.10	4.53
Intl Gilt	249.50	265.52	+ 0.71	1.80
Intl Sm Co	103.71	110.33†	+ 0.31	0.79
Japanese	143.67	148.69	- 0.18	.
Mgd Income Tst #	51.04	52.75†	+ 0.15	7.47
Nth Amer	318.69	329.77	+ 0.87	0.81
Pacific Mkts	106.89	109.52	- 0.61	1.18
Premier Inc	50.02	52.06†	+ 0.05	8.01
Sm Cos	120.44	128.13	+ 0.31	1.62
Spec Sits	156.55	166.55	+ 0.22	1.59
UK Growth	188.08	201.15	+ 0.25	1.54
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	100.21	105.37†	+ 0.08	4.38
Investment Tst	134.64	141.56†	+ 0.13	0.35
UK Smaller Cos	120.34	126.54	+ 0.61	1.59
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	440.60	467.40†	- 0.20	2.16
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000 Client Services: 0800 124 314				
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	47.73	49.84	- 0.44	..
Cash	49.54	50.55	+ 0.01	4.23
Emerging Mkts	58.05	60.62	+ 0.14	..
Europe	79.42	82.94	+ 0.45	..
Global Fixed Int #	50.57	52.81	- 0.11	4.19
Japan	34.85	36.39	- 0.39	..
North America	90.31	94.31	+ 0.09	.
UK	81.74	85.36	+ 0.07	0.24

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc #	75.86	79.22	+ 0.66	3.98
UK Fixed Int #	54.42	56.83	+ 0.14	6.73
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	61.33	63.56	+ 0.39	..
Pep Inc Port #	61.33	63.56	+ 0.39	.
Five Arrows Global Investment Funds				
A Shares				
Asian Opps ‡	48.13	..	- 0.33	...
Asia Pacific ‡	48.07	...	- 0.44	0.80
Europe ‡	50.59	..	+ 0.15	.
Japan ‡	49.12	..	- 0.03	..
Latin America ‡	52.24	...	+ 0.18	.
North America ‡	51.40	..	+ 0.10	...
UK Eq Income #	52.08	..	+ 0.02	3.69
UK Major Cos ‡	51.43	..	- 0.11	0.95
UK Smaller Cos ‡	52.63	...	+ 0.08	1.05
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01730 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	177.40	187.90†	+ 1.50	0.23
Pacific Basin	72.63	77.90†	- 0.42	0.33
High Inc Dist	210.60	224.10†	+ 0.90	3.16
Ryl Life Intl Clary	68.56	72.89†	+ 0.23	3.89
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	94.28	100.20	+ 0.40	.
Ryl Life Intl Spec	82.93	88.22	+ 0.29	.
UK Emerging Cos	142.30	153.60	- 0.20	1.14
UK Index Trckg	257.60	272.50	+ 0.10	2.84
European	229.30	245.40	+ 2.00	0.14
Managed	222.30	230.00	+ 0.60	0.82
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 754 460				
American Growth	256.80	271.60	+ 0.20	0.90
European Growth	198.30	210.70	+ 2.20	1.03
Far East Growth	134.70	143.40	- 2.50	0.98
Japan Growth	100.90	107.20†	- 2.90	0.53
Special Sits	270.70	287.90†	+ 1.40	1.57
UK Growth	133.00	141.40	+ 1.80	2.42
Intl Growth	338.30	359.90†	+ 0.70	1.81
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 8500				
Far East Inc	149.70	158.40	- 0.50	0.44
Gt Euro Prog Inc	538.68	582.60	+ 6.80	0.70
-do- Accum	863.90	914.20	+ 9.50	0.70
Growth Inc	187.60	198.50	+ 1.60	0.16
-do- Accum	193.10	204.30	+ 1.50	0.16
International Inc	498.30	527.30	+ 4.30	0.20
-do- Accum	691.29	731.40	+ 5.90	0.20
Nth Am & Intl Inc	528.90	559.70	+ 4.30	...
UK Gen Prog Inc	313.50	331.70	+ 1.70	1.58
-do- Accum	363.30	384.40	+ 2.00	1.58
UK High Inc Inc	186.10	196.90	+ 0.59	4.27
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0172 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	114.78	122.10	- 1.11	0.75
European Gwth	126.28	134.33	+ 0.97	1.00
Global Bd	61.75	65.22†	+ 0.33	5.00
Japan	48.02	51.08	+ 0.40	...
UK Gwth	108.69	115.62	+ 0.08	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smlr Cos	202.30	215.20	+ 1.10	
Cash	141.90	141.90†	..	6.59
China Dragon	81.16	86.34	- 1.45	0.19
Commodity	148.50	158.00	+ 0.80	...
Emerging Mkts	47.08	50.08	+ 0.28	0.40
European Gwth	317.90	338.20	+ 4.10	
Euro Smlr Cos	86.80	92.34	+ 0.73	..
Extra Income #	68.50	70.98	+ 0.24	5.40
Far Eastern	90.15	95.90	- 0.40	...
FE Sm Cos	42.34	45.04	...	0.78
Financial Secs	427.50	454.60	+ 2.10	1.27
Gold & Exploration	60.41	64.27	+ 0.41	...
Growth	569.20	572.10	+ 1.60	1.41
High Income	53.40	53.40	+ 0.21	6.07
Intl Bond	159.90	169.80†	+ 0.80	4.73
ITU	278.80	295.40†	+ 1.80	0.72
Japan Growth	137.30	145.60†	+ 0.50	..
Japan Smaller	114.30	121.20	- 0.50	.
Korea	31.85	33.88	+ 0.54	..
Latin America	60.25	64.10	+ 0.33	0.21
Mitteleuropa	77.17	77.56	+ 0.23	0.86
Premier Eq Gwth	215.70	229.50	+ 0.80	1.12
Premier Eq Inc #	464.70	497.40	+ 1.30	3.73
SE Asia	41.03	43.65	- 0.46	0.18
Southern Africa	57.94	61.64	+ 0.55	0.93
UK & O'seas	245.70	260.70	+ 0.60	0.85
UK Eqty Gth	107.40	114.30	+ 0.30	1.10
UK Eqty Inc #	334.00	355.30	+ 0.90	3.61
UK Gth & Inc #	390.30	415.28	+ 0.70	2.37
UK Sm Cos	66.81	71.07	+ 0.13	0.80
US Growth	292.90	311.50	+ 1.10	..
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Cint: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	443.73	468.84	+ 0.81	0.62
-do- Accum	492.51	520.39	+ 0.91	0.62
European Gwth	118.69	125.72	+ 0.58	0.25
Euro Smllr Cos	132.98	141.30	+ 0.39	..
-do- Accum	134.98	143.34	+ 0.40	...
Far Eastern Gth	103.67	110.58	- 0.81	...
-do- Accum	105.68	112.71	- 0.82	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	56.07	59.07†	+ 0.08	7.28
Global Bond #	47.21	48.77	+ 0.15	6.35
-do- Accum #	58.10	61.06	+ 0.18	6.35
Global Emer Mkts	60.10	64.10†	+ 0.15	...
-do- Accum	60.15	64.16†	+ 0.15	...
Income #	528.45	563.67†	+ 2.09	4.19
-do- Accum #	1861.40	1985.62†	+ 7.05	4.19
Japan Smllr Cos	264.22	281.83	+ 0.23	..
-do- Accum	264.75	282.39	+ 0.23	.
Japan Enterprise	58.15	63.09†	+ 0.11	..
Pacific Gwth	139.20	148.47	- 0.75	0.53
-do- Accum	144.70	154.35	- 0.78	0.53
Portfolio	113.56	120.93	+ 0.19	1.66
-do- Accum	128.34	136.67	+ 0.21	1.66
Seoul	27.58	29.41	+ 0.44	...
-do- Accum	27.58	29.41	+ 0.44	...
Smaller Cos	372.75	397.59	+ 0.68	0.99
-do- Accum	446.43	476.19	+ 0.79	0.99
Strategic Inc	118.68	128.47	+ 0.55	2.28
Strategic Acc	121.68	129.69	+ 0.57	2.28
Tokyo	120.27	128.28†	+ 0.64	...
-do- Accum	121.48	129.58†	+ 0.65	...
UK Enterprise	421.76	449.87	+ 1.69	1.88
-do- Accum	534.02	569.62	+ 2.11	1.88
UK Equity	385.24	410.82	+ 1.41	2.05
-do- Accum	796.08	849.13	+ 2.91	2.05
US Smllr Cos	349.68	372.04	+ 0.91	.
-do- Accum	349.68	372.04	+ 0.91	..
Institutional Funds				
European	395.22	398.98	+ 1.31	0.96
-do- Accum	430.01	454.98	+ 1.48	0.96
Euro Smllr Cos	42.89	44.80	+ 0.33	0.87
-do- Accum	46.55	48.41	+ 0.36	0.87
Global Equity Inc	109.45	113.80	+ 0.13	0.77
Japan Smllr Cos	25.44	26.59	- 0.01	0.13
-do- Accum	25.74	26.89	- 0.01	0.13
Mngd Balanced	262.92	273.87†	+ 1.13	3.16
-do- Accum	316.59	329.77†	+ 1.36	3.16
Overseas Equity	247.58	257.88	+ 0.19	0.86
-do- Accum	261.86	272.87	+ 0.20	0.86
Oseas Smllr Cos	140.97	146.84†	+ 0.54	0.84
-do- Accum	150.30	156.56†	+ 0.57	0.84
Pacific	252.15	262.65	- 1.02	1.73
-do- Accum	282.47	294.24	- 1.14	1.73
Recovery	2838.80	2955.00	+ 7.05	2.75
-do- Accum	3205.32	3338.86	+ 7.98	2.75
UK Index	238.16	248.08†	+ 0.24	2.72
-do- Accum	315.80	328.96†	+ 0.32	2.72
UK Small Cos	159.58	166.22†	+ 0.37	2.58
-do- Accum	180.81	188.34†	+ 0.42	2.58
US Smllr Cos	90.43	93.97	- 0.34	0.62
-do- Accum	93.04	96.66	- 0.35	0.62
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	76.74	81.15	+ 1.08	2.25
Equity Trust	100.23	105.98	+ 1.42	2.55
Equity Strategy	105.80	111.67	+ 0.84	1.70
European Opps	136.65	144.51	+ 2.84	0.15
UK Smaller Cos	84.84	89.72	+ 0.17	1.47
Worldwide Inc	96.16	101.77	+ 0.02	7.73
Japanese	55.51	58.70	+ 0.09	.
Asia Pacific	106.39	113.14	- 0.42	0.56
American	180.74	191.13	+ 0.31	0.68
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	34.92	34.92†	+ 0.01	6.78
UK Eq Gwth Inc	77.35	82.52	+ 0.40	3.00
-do- Accum	107.57	114.75	+ 0.13	3.80
Intl Income	353.30	375.93†	+ 0.61	1.42
-do- Accum	532.93	573.40†	+ 1.09	1.42
European	136.21	144.64	+ 0.77	1.35
Japan	55.32	58.61	- 0.07	0.19
American	135.66	143.25†	+ 0.51	1.17
Far East Tact	78.51	84.82	- 0.63	1.38
Ethical Inc	45.58	48.72	+ 0.22	1.56
UK Blue Chip Inc	52.19	55.78	+ 0.05	3.38
UK Equity Inc	54.34	57.86	+ 0.38	4.17
UK Global Inc	59.74	63.79	+ 0.24	1.85
Wwide Tact	101.68	108.17	+ 0.06	1.01
Europe Tactical	97.89	104.32	+ 0.29	0.98
Technology	198.79	210.77	+ 1.03	0.71
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	642.28	684.70	- 0.30	2.31
American	450.20	476.40	+ 2.00	0.23
Pacific	366.00	391.40	+ 0.80	0.16
European	835.70	889.80	+ 6.62	0.65
Worldwide	108.28	115.78	+ 0.50	0.24
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	421.80	448.60	+ 0.70	1.87
-do- Accum	565.00	601.10	+ 0.20	1.87
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	296.40	315.40	+ 0.30	1.56
-do- Accum	360.60	382.40	+ 0.40	1.55
Select Opplty Inc	101.50	108.60	- 0.10	1.65
Income Plus Inc	106.90	113.80	+ 0.30	2.73
European Inc	565.90	600.30	+ 2.90	0.80
-do- Accum	658.50	695.40	+ 3.40	0.80
Far Eastern Inc	157.90	168.00	- 1.20	0.87
-do- Accum	184.90	196.80	- 1.50	0.87
Japanese Inc	51.58	54.88	+ 0.09	.
Nth American Inc	459.08	489.50	+ 1.50	0.67
-do- Accum	507.40	539.80	+ 1.70	0.67
Intl Growth Inc	257.60	274.10	+ 0.70	0.29
Wwide Venture Inc	112.60	119.80	+ 0.80	0.35
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	558.80	589.50	+ 7.50	1.98
-do- Accum	875.18	924.62	+ 12.00	1.98
UK High Inc	268.40	283.50	+ 3.78	1.80
-do- Accum	430.08	454.30	+ 6.00	1.80
Europe Inc	623.50	658.80	+ 9.00	0.17
Nth Amer Inc	407.60	430.30	+ 1.50	0.02
Global Inc	303.90	321.00	+ 2.80	0.21
Global Acc	329.90	348.50	+ 2.80	0.21
UK Spec Sits Inc	159.30	168.30	+ 1.70	1.87
South East Asia	182.30	192.68	+ 1.29	0.64
Cash Trust Inc	101.80	101.80	.	6.45
UK Smlr Cos Inc	134.20	147.80	+ 1.80	1.85
-do- Accum	143.70	151.90	+ 1.10	1.85
Intl Bond Inc	90.91	95.50	+ 0.20	4.04
International Strat	92.87	98.48	+ 0.30	..
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	209.28	220.20	+ 1.80	0.09
Nth American	182.30	191.90	..	
Intl Bond & Conv	136.70	143.90	+ 0.50	5.87
Pooled Pension	284.10	305.50	...	1.90
Smaller Cos	132.30	139.30	+ 0.20	1.13
UK General #	209.90	220.90	- 0.39	1.95
Far Eastern	80.56	84.80†	+ 0.07	..
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Continental	117.70	124.79	+ 0.90	0.73
Global Gwth	97.27	102.89	+ 0.30	0.99
Inv Tst Port	65.49	69.56	+ 0.16	2.18
Managed	1565.35	1637.72	- 0.61	1.45
Pref Inc #	113.70	121.00†	- 0.10	6.14
Smaller Cos	298.10	317.10	- 0.10	0.80
Ireland Gilt Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	112.10	..	- 0.61	4.10
Sterling Reserve ‡	101.12	..	+ 0.02	5.35
Corporate Inc ‡	105.58	...	...	4.92
Tal Pen ‡	103.13	.	- 0.39	.
Atlas ‡	100.52	.	+ 0.45	..
Amer Gth Fund ‡	178.92	...	+ 1.03	.
European ‡	208.93	...	+ 0.94	
Global Bond ‡	89.85	..	+ 0.39	6.80
Samurai ‡	49.49	..	+ 0.16	
UK Growth ‡	131.39	..	- 0.13	2.43
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	101.45	..	+ 0.08	2.75
Investment Trust ‡	128.80	..	+ 0.40	1.56
The Football Fd ‡	98.47	..	- 0.03	...
Reserve Bull Up ‡	181.45	..	+ 0.26	..
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	579.00	613.30	- 2.60	
Capital	173.00	183.00	+ 1.50	1.09
Cash	100.42	100.42†	+ 0.05	6.49
European	204.20	215.50	+ 2.40	0.22
Far Eastern	162.50	171.00†	- 2.20	0.49
Growth	207.80	219.80	+ 4.00	1.12
Income #	168.00	177.70†	+ 2.00	4.02
Magnum	182.50	193.10	+ 1.70	1.17
Smlr Cos	644.80	682.40†	+ 4.20	0.14
Thoroughbred	212.60	228.00†	+ 1.90	1.22

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0800 73 11 093				
Capital Princlpl	61.62	65.36	+ 0.05	7.00
Ethical	91.37	97.72	+ 0.02	[illegible]
European Growth	103.18	109.30	+ 0.40	[illegible]
Income #	74.37	79.54	- 3.04	[illegible]
Intl Growth	130.00	137.70	+ 2.30	.
Managed	112.00	118.70	+ 0.30	[illegible]
UK Growth	90.71	97.07	+ 0.07	[illegible]
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	54.35	54.63	+ 0.20	1.25
Global Advtg Acc	59.75	60.05	+ 0.20	1.25
Income Advtg Inc	45.33	45.56†	+ 0.08	3.50
Income Advtg Acc	54.85	55.13	+ 0.16	3.50
UK Equity Gth Acc	125.20	132.90	+ 1.30	1.40
Premier Inc Inc	53.30	54.45†	+ 0.20	6.56
Premier Inc Acc	60.53	61.35	+ 0.20	6.56
Managed Acc	74.76	79.29	+ 0.20	1.36
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	52.11	55.24†	+ 0.16	3.20
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	72.00	76.32	+ 0.20	3.20
UK Smlr Cos Acc	53.11	56.30	+ 0.18	0.85
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	183.40	189.30	+ 1.30	1.40
UK Equity Gen Inc	72.76	77.37†	+ 0.52	1.40
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	33.76	35.71†	+ 0.20	6.30
Oseas Eq Gth Acc	412.60	437.70	- 0.60	1.14
Nth American Acc	78.34	83.24	+ 0.10	0.07
Pacific Basin	39.37	41.84	- 0.45	0.61
European Acc	73.28	77.86	+ 0.30	0.24
Japan Acc	23.73	25.22	- 0.51	0.03
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	5.408	5.743		1.66
US Eqty (US$)	4.653	4.929†		0.87
Far East Eqty (yen)	258.40	274.50†	...	
FT Europe	204.00	216.50†		0.88
FT N Amer (US$)	3.934	4.161†	..	
FT Japan (yen)	143.60	151.70†	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$)	2.792	2.965†		0.92
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	658.10	695.20	- 0.40	..
British #	1565.20	1656.00†	- 2.00	2.18
Emerging Mkts	200.80	213.30	+ 0.10	0.44
Euro Gwth Inc	119.60	126.10	+ 0.50	..
Euro Small Co	67.81	72.22	+ 0.58	0.06
Japan	106.50	113.40	- 0.55	..
Asia Pacific	429.80	456.70	+ 0.70	1.12
-do- Accum	466.50	496.90	+ 0.80	1.12
Inv Trust Acc	343.80	364.45	+ 0.30	0.97
Mngd Equity	240.50	254.40	+ 2.20	2.27
Mngd Cash	95.55	95.55	+ 0.01	6.45
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 300				
Equity	1395.00	1491.00	+ 2.30	1.47
North America	262.30	280.50	+ 2.18	.
Far East	151.30	161.80	- 0.50	..
Wwide Bond	56.56	60.01†	+ 0.18	4.20
European	189.60	202.70†	- 0.70	0.18
Equity Income #	144.10	154.10	+ 0.30	3.85
Portfolio	138.10	147.70		1.01
UK Leading Cos	107.50	114.60	..	1.05
High Inc Bond	51.73	51.81	+ 0.12	6.02
Broker Trusts				
Intrl Equity	88.85	95.03	+ 0.24	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Aitken UT	20.80	21.92	- 0.18	1.24
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	104.11	110.76†	+ 0.39	5.48
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	115.19	122.54	+ 0.43	5.48
European	68.13	72.48	+ 0.48	0.36
Japan	32.66	34.75	+ 0.07	0.01
Managed Assets	175.18	187.36	+ 0.44	2.05
North American	62.57	66.68	+ 0.19	0.01
Smlr Co's Inc	39.43	41.95	- 1.06	1.97
Smlr Co's Acc	43.83	46.60	- 1.17	1.97
UK Growth Inc	82.83	88.12	+ 0.18	1.83
UK Growth Acc	95.74	101.86	+ 0.12	1.83
Extra Income #	58.31	62.37	+ 0.25	4.47
Worldwide Gth	50.93	54.54	+ 0.18	0.16
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	65.66	69.85†	+ 0.30	..
UK Income Inc	79.11	84.16	+ 0.04	2.66
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	39.26	41.52†	+ 0.11	6.52
Mngd High Yld Inc	113.71	120.97	+ 0.15	3.76
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	108.50	115.43	+ 0.18	2.48
UK Smaller Cos	45.48	48.35†	+ 0.15	2.88
Pacific Gwth Port	45.93	48.93	- 0.40	0.05
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	402.18	425.59	+ 0.83	...
-do- Accum	442.98	468.76	+ 0.91	
Brit Growth	156.25	165.34†	- 0.21	1.20
-do- Accum	198.34	209.89†	- 0.26	1.20
European	164.36	173.82	+ 0.52	0.02
-do- Accum	175.45	185.66	+ 0.56	0.02
Extra Income #	268.77	284.41†	+ 0.65	3.84
-do- Accum #	516.53	546.59†	+ 1.24	3.84
Smaller Cos	99.77	105.57†	+ 0.27	0.93
-do- Accum	115.26	121.97†	+ 0.31	0.93
General	452.52	478.86	- 0.40	1.43
-do- Accum	984.12	1041.40	- 0.88	1.43
Premier Income	55.49	57.98	+ 0.20	5.66
-do- Accum	145.85	152.03	+ 0.55	5.68
Income #	491.15	519.73	+ 0.39	2.98
-do- Accum #	1173.63	1241.94	+ 0.95	2.98
Pacific	340.32	360.14	- 1.35	0.01
-do- Accum	357.60	378.41	- 1.43	0.01
International	756.39	800.44	+ 0.86	0.06
-do- Accum	998.51	1057.58	+ 1.13	0.06
Nat Resources	163.09	172.49†	- 2.85	0.03
Skeld Opps	161.16	170.54†	- 0.27	0.84
-do- Accum	215.38	227.91†	- 0.28	0.84
Environmental Inv	104.15	110.21	+ 0.06	0.55
Selector	92.05	97.42	- 0.01	1.23
-do- Accum	108.14	114.44		1.23
High Income #	87.85	92.96	+ 0.71	3.69
-do- Accum #	124.44	131.69	+ 0.30	3.60
Intl Income	65.16	68.95†	+ 0.19	4.18
-do- Accum	90.40	95.66†	+ 0.27	4.18
Selector Income	80.85	85.56	+ 0.17	3.61
-do- Accum	104.59	110.67	+ 0.21	3.61
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 867 1818				
British	520.05	547.42†	- 0.09	1.92
European	102.04	107.69	+ 0.26	1.03
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	288.26	305.04	+ 1.70	2.47
Glob Growth Acc	337.44	357.08	+ 1.99	2.47
Glob Balncd Inc	229.72	243.09†	+ 0.85	3.34
Glob Balncd Acc	288.26	305.03†	+ 1.07	3.34
Value Tst Inc	181.41	191.97	+ 0.85	2.13
Value Tst Acc	205.18	217.12	+ 0.97	2.13
THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 800 0033				
Capital	116.20	123.60	+ 0.90	0.43
International	87.43	93.01		.
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	39.78	41.38	+ 0.24	6.40
European Growth	438.65	459.31	+ 1.25	0.69
Europa	846.73	884.13†	+ 0.66	2.80
Global Em Mkts	95.47	99.96	+ 0.08	0.90
Japan Tst	77.55	81.20	- 0.40	..
Little Dragons	102.56	107.39	- 1.85	..
Nth Amer Gwth	405.84	424.96	+ 1.53	0.08
Oriental Income #	49.33	51.65†	- 0.21	3.80
Preference	144.47	151.27†	+ 0.61	7.80
Tiger	255.81	267.86	- 1.54	..
UK Blue Chip	106.20	111.20	- 0.25	1.40
UK Growth	838.97	878.50†	+ 0.49	0.80
UK High Yield #	146.08	152.91†	+ 0.39	4.38
UK Mid-Cap	391.17	409.60	+ 2.17	7.30
UK Smlr Cos	144.19	150.98	- 0.20	0.29
UK Smlr Cos Div #	93.26	97.65	+ 0.33	5.00
THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS				
Client Serv: 0800 0683000 Inter Serv: 0800 0684000				
Conversion Helpline: 0500 366227 (Until end Dec)				
Threadneedle Investment Services				
Managed Income	50.06	52.41		3.80
Cautl Mgd Gth Acc	50.51	52.88	+ 0.12	4.19
Bal Mgd Gth Acc	50.37	52.74	+ 0.08	2.6[illegible]
Adv Mgd Gth Acc	50.29	52.65	+ 0.04	0.8[illegible]
Threadneedle Investment Funds (OEIC)				
Retail Shares (Class 1)				
UK				
UK Corporate Bd ‡	52.28		+ 0.18	6.94
UK Equity Inc #	54.46		+ 0.01	3.43
UK Growth ‡	53.60	.	- 0.02	1.29
UK Gwth & Inc ‡	50.31	...		2.40
UK Monthly Inc #	50.55		+ 0.04	3.65
UK Select Gwth ‡	54.12		+ 0.02	1.34
UK Sm Cos Gwth ‡	53.67	..	+ 0.21	1.17
International				
Amer Gwth Acc ‡	51.41	..	+ 0.13	0.10
Euro Gwth Acc ‡	53.73	..	+ 0.39	..
FE&Jap Gwth Acc ‡	42.08	..	- 0.15	..
Japan Gwth Acc ‡	43.02	.	- 0.02	.
Specialist				
Amer Sel Gwth ‡	52.61		+ 0.20	.
Asia Growth Acc ‡	44.04		- 0.29	0.19
Euro Sel Gwth ‡	52.63		+ 0.12	..
Glb Sel Gth Acc ‡	50.63		+ 0.06	0.11
Institutional Shares (Class 2) (£500,000 min)				
UK				
UK Equity Inc #	54.52	..	+ 0.03	4.04
UK Growth ‡	53.64	..	- 0.02	1.34
UK Gwth & Inc ‡	50.31	..		2.90
UK Inst Gwth ‡	53.68		+ 0.02	1.62
UK Dvers Eqty ‡	53.15	.		0.38
UK Select Gwth ‡	54.13		+ 0.02	1.89
UK Sm Cos Gwth ‡	53.62		+ 0.17	1.71
International				
Amer Gwth Acc ‡	51.46		+ 0.13	0.60
Euro Gwth Acc ‡	53.78		+ 0.38	.
FE & Jap Gth Acc ‡	42.86	.	- 0.14	..
Japan Growth Acc ‡	43.05	.	- 0.02	..
Specialist				
Amer Sel Gwth ‡	52.85		+ 0.21	
Asia Growth Acc ‡	44.08		- 0.29	0.60
Euro Sel Gth Acc ‡	52.67		+ 0.12	
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Eq Inc Acc #	426.06	453.25	+ 0.64	3.74
UK Equity Gwth	464.40	494.04†	+ 0.68	1.66
European	235.96	251.02†	+ 1.28	0.53
Nth American	117.94	125.47	+ 0.22	..
Far Eastern	73.16	77.83	- 0.40	0.44
Money	74.65	74.65	+ 0.01	6.72
Fixed Interest #	88.95	94.40	+ 0.17	6.81
Index Linked Gilt	90.38	95.76	+ 0.07	1.38
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	110.35	110.35†	+ 0.20	6.10
Pens Growth	130.14	130.14		
Pens Inc Protct	112.03	112.03		.
UK Index Tracking @	160.68	166.68†	+ 0.13	2.10
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7455				
Australasian Gold	19.22	20.34	- 0.20	
Pacific Basin	31.45	33.11	- 0.14	
Global Bond (US$)	0.9258	0.9748†	+ 0.0005	
Penny Share	51.83	54.56	+ 0.23	..
Japan Smlr Cos	31.28	32.93†	- 0.70	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Short Dtd Gilt	129.00	131.10		
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.8096	0.8184	+ 0.10	..
Gilt Income	52.39	53.20†	+ 0.04	6.20
Gilt Growth	85.72	87.09	+ 0.14	..
Sterling Bond	51.69	52.54	+ 0.10	6.40
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	68.29	72.49	+ 0.10	1.64
UK Stockmarket	131.00	139.30	+ 0.19	2.02
Corporate Bd Inc	48.66	50.76	+ 0.06	5.66
Do Accum	53.01	55.12	+ 0.07	5.66

Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price. .. No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. @ Exit Charge.

Equities mark time

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is *ex-dividend*. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
516¾	487½	Allied Domecq	515½	+ 6½	5.3	16.5
626	385	Bulmer (HP)	463½	...	3.9	12.9
75½	49	Burn Stewart	49½	...	8.1	...
1049	865	Glenmorangie A	962½	...	1.7	28.8
631	425½	Grand Met	609	+ 6	3.1	19.6
627	424	Guinness	606	+ 2½	3.2	18.7
309	280	Highland Dist	287½	+ 1½	4.0	18.0
335	213	Matthew Clark	257½	- ½	11.7	7.7
109½	52½	Merydew W	59	...	6.6	14.6
3009½	1462½	SA Breweries	1821½	- 3½	2.1	...

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1921¼	918¾	ABN-AMRO	1312½	+ 34½	2.5	18.2
884½	710	Abbey Nat	972	+ 7	3.5	15.9
739	532½	Alliance & Leics	723	- 1½	2.8	16.9
563	388½	Allied Irish	551½	+ 18	3.3	15.7
516¼	353½	Aus New Z	499	+ 5½	3.9	...
4931¼	2875	Bank America	4784¾	+ 25		
544½	291½	Bank Scotland†	537½	- 4½	2.9	14.9
1800	978½	Barclays	1625	+ 6	2.6	15.4
814½	517½	Bk of Ireland	805½	+ 5½	2.5	17.8
8628¾	6008¼	Citicorp	8768¾	+ 168¾		...
1759½	1268½	Commerzbk	1706½		2.8	
862½	540½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	540½	- 12½	0.8	...
4590¼	2709½	Deutsche Bk	4525¼	+ 60½	1.4	...
1300	759½	Espirito Santo	1285¼	+ 3½	2.9	...
847¼	594½	Fuji Bank Y	623	- 6½	0.7	...
2369½	1272½	HSBC	1989½	- 47½	2.9	16.1
2250½	1241	HSBC HK	1898	- 48½	3.0	15.3
789	596½	Halifax	726½	- 4	2.6	24.5
645	403½	Irish Perml	640	+ 20	2.4	17.7
860½	424	Lloyds TSB	801	- 5	2.2	23.9
1008	669½	Nat Aust Bk	917½	- 7½	4.4	12.8
1012½	663½	Nat West	932	- 6½	4.0	14.8
504½	450	Northern Rock	497	- 7	2.8	19.6
723½	508	Ryl Bk Scot	688	+ 1½	3.5	14.8
1093½	681	Stand Chartd	817½	- 11	2.4	14.3
£164¾	£164¾	Wells Fargo	£164¾		2.0	
403¾	315½	Westpac	393½	+ 3½	3.8	
373½	284	Woolwich†	322	+ ½	3.1	19.1

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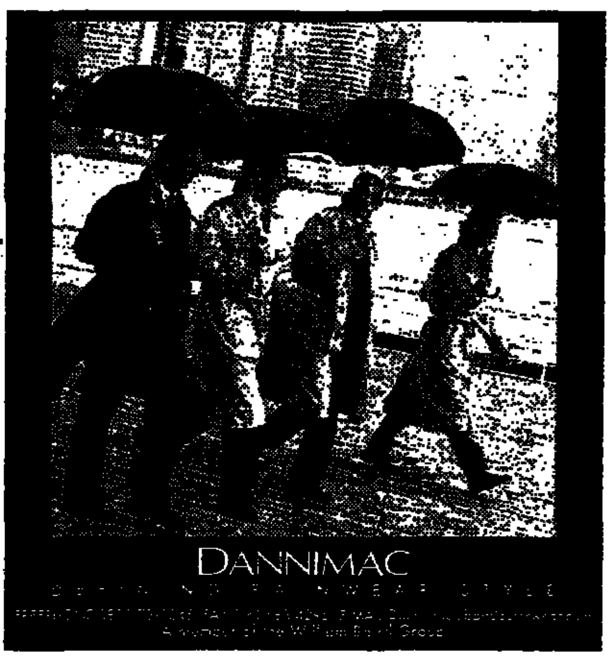

THE TIMES

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1	Pilkington	Bld Mats	
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3	Inchcape	Distrib's	
4	Malden	Media	
5	David Brown	Engin'ing	
6	Mayflower	Eng. Veh	
7	Parico	Distrib's	
8	Diploma	Distrib's	
9	Securicor	Telecomms	
10	Chamb'lin	Engin'ing	
11	DCC	Div Inds	
12	RGC	Mining	
13	Br Vita	Chemicals	
14	McBride	House Gds	
15	Rolls-Royce	Engin'ing	
16	Smiths Ind	Engin'ing	
17	Br Borneo	Oil & Gas	
18	Laird	Eng. Veh	
19	Pressac	Electronic	
20	Old Eng Pub	Breweries	
21	Abbey Ntl	Banks	
22	Rentokil Itl	Sup Serv	
23	PizzaExpress	Breweries	
24	Bradford	Property	
25	Fairey Group	Electronic	
26	Lonrho	Div Inds	
27	More Grp	Media	
28	Tate & Lyle	Food Man	
29	Amey	Bld & Cons	
30	Gibbon	Chemicals	
31	Gr Portland	Property	
32	Plysu	Print Pap	
33	P & O Dfd	Transport	
34	Prudential	Insurance	
35	Weir	Engin'ing	
36	Con Ritblat	Property	
37	BICC	Electronic	
38	Henlys	Eng. Veh	
39	Leeds	Textiles	
40	Lilleshall	Bld Mats	
41	Bryant	Bld & Cons	
42	Therp Anb	Pharm'cals	
43	Londn & Man	Insurance	
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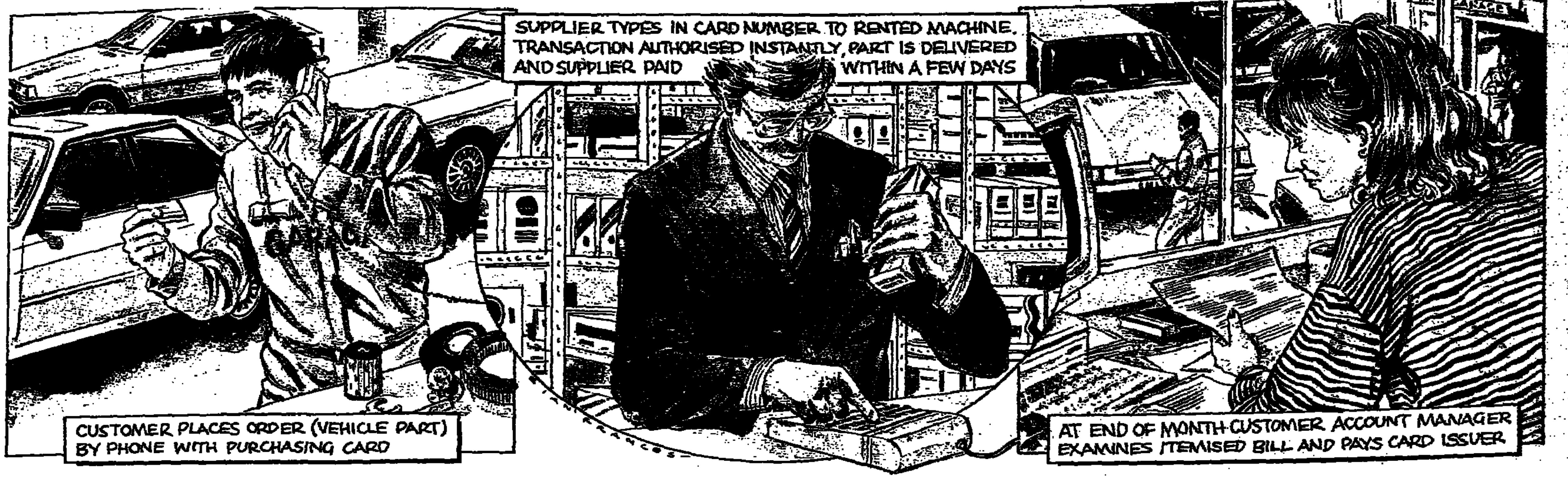
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CUSTOMER PLACES ORDER (VEHICLE PART) BY PHONE WITH PURCHASING CARD
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Nick Edwards introduces a five-page report on purchasing cards — a revolution in the way companies buy low-value items

Plastic cuts the cost and prunes the paperwork

About 80 per cent of any *organisation's purchase* orders account for less *than 20 per cent of its total* spend. The average cost of processing *these thousands of transactions* — anything between £20 and £60 each — *is often more than their* individual face value.

The result is a huge administrative bill and busy purchasing staff shuffling paper rather than concentrating on high-value contracts with key suppliers. An increasing number of managers are turning to purchasing cards as a solution.

The cards work in a similar way to consumer charge cards in that the administrative burden is shouldered by the issuing bank. Take the example of a construction company where site foremen will be making hundreds of small purchases each month for tools and materials. By giving each foreman a card, the paper mountain of invoices is replaced by one consolidated bill.

At the same time, the purchasing department can manage spending by putting a few simple controls on the cards, such as a monthly spending limit and restricting use *to certain categories. The results* can be dramatic: British Aerospace *Military Aircraft is saving* £500,000 a year with its American *Express purchasing cards.*

The cards were first used on a large scale by the United States Government in the late 1980s before being taken up by major corporates such as PepsiCo and Hewlett-Packard. They were introduced into the UK about three years ago.

American Express and Visa are the two major players, but customer numbers have only recently begun to take off. Visa claims the market is doubling every three months. About 800 companies now use the cards, most of them with turnovers in excess of £100 million. Big name users include Warner-Lambert, Nuclear Electric, Rank Xerox and the London Stock Exchange.

The basic way the different cards are used does not really vary. The *only variation is the levels of* management information provided and how fees are charged to the customer. The latter may include a £1 charge on each transaction, a monthly management fee or a percentage of the value of total transactions.

Will Parsons, director of the Delta Purchasing consultancy, says: "The market is still fluid. The banks are trying different customers. In the past lower interest rates meant the banks could just about cover their costs from supplier fees and user companies could normally avoid any charges. I'm afraid those days are gone."

The developing market and increasing confidence of established users is changing the way cards are being used. For instance, Stefan Foryszewski, the consultant for Visa, *claims that many companies* are increasing the maximum trans*action value on their cards from* £250 to up to £5,000.

The other major development was the VAT agreement Visa recently signed with HM Customs and Excise. Customs will now accept the information provided by the issuing bank as evidence for VAT reclaim purposes, thus cutting paperwork and saving time.

Purchasing cards also have the potential to change wider purchasing and supply strategies. For instance, the 1990s has seen a drive towards cutting the number of approved suppliers on an organisation's books, sometimes by as much as two thirds, so as to focus management efforts and cut processing costs. Developments in electronic commerce, including card technology, could reverse this trend.

Kim Godwin, operations director of VideoLogic and the new presi*dent of the Chartered Institute of* Purchasing and Supply, says: "When you *combine the Internet* with purchasing cards, it is dynamite. People are only beginning to cotton on to their potential impact on strategies like supplier rationalisation. Suddenly it becomes much simpler and quicker to search, source and pay from a much wider supply base."

Despite the increasing popularity of purchasing cards, many managers are still wary. The chief *concern is that, despite transaction* limits and the management infor*mation provided by issuing banks,* the purchasing department will *lose control of spending.*

Gary Cheesman, general man*ager of purchasing at BICC Cables,* says: "They are not a system of delegation in their own right, and don't have the right degree of management control. The amount of information that is fed back to you is not enough to support delegated purchasing — I'm sure it is OK on day one, but when you come back in five years and try to make sense of what you had done, you may have problems."

The issue of late payment is important in the success of this technology. Companies are coming under increasing pressure from the Government to alleviate the often crippling effects that payment waiting times in excess of 60 days can have on suppliers, particularly small ones. Visa's Mr Foryszewski says: "*A number of corporates have* indicated that they have great *difficulty in paying on time, not* because they do not wish to but *because their existing systems are* just too cumbersome."

In contrast, purchasing cards can guarantee payment in as little as three days.

● *The author is deputy editor of* Supply Management *magazine.*

PUBLIC SECTOR

ON THURSDAY next week the Government's heads of purchasing, responsible for spending *some* £60 billion a year, will announce the launch of a pur*chasing card system. Either* Visa or Amex will have won some *very big business.*

As purchasing cards were *developed originally for the* US Government, their adoption in *Britain is a logical step.* There have already been trials at the Department of Social Security, local councils and universities, NHS trusts and even the Veterinary Laboratories Association.

Next week's move will ensure that government departments will develop the use of the cards as part of a drive to improve purchasing which began with the high-profile Setting New Standards procurement White Paper in 1995. That gained further impetus with the arrival this year of former BT procurement director Brian Rigby as director of the Treasury's cross-governmental Procurement *Practice and Development* advisory group. "Purchasing cards are something we need," he says. "The reason is simple. It is costing the Government *something* like £70 to process each invoice and purchasing cards could save £40."

In June the National Audit Office said the cards could help to cut administrative effort by up to a quarter in the Ministry of Defence's £600 million a year *spend* on routine items. For locally purchased goods the average value was £51, while the process cost was £74. The worst *example the* NAO came across was a 98p brass padlock which *cost 75 times its value* to purchase.

The Audit Commission's Goods For Your Health report last November *said that process* costs in NHS trusts for one in four of all purchases were more than the value of the product. Twenty-four trusts are taking part in purchasing card trials.

At the Department of Social Security a six-month trial began last year but no system has yet been implemented. Although cards reduced transaction costs by a fifth, the benefits were reduced because the purchasing processes were sometimes poor. "The real opportunity comes *when you can re-engineer* the process and use purchasing *cards as part of that," said a* project team member.

The problem for the public sector will be to square lower process costs with the need to demonstrate propriety.

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Licence to fly through the red tape barrier

After a long wait, Visa printouts can now be used to reclaim VAT. **Rodney Hobson** looks at the breakthrough

Few promises are more attractive to businesses than this: we will cut your VAT paperwork. Now American Express and Visa have given that pledge with their purchasing cards, and the system could spread throughout the European Union.

Winning approval from Customs and Excise does not come easy. Amex took six months to convince the VAT authorities that its card was safe, reliable and accurate and would provide sufficient information. Visa has taken a year to win approval for its card.

Amex led the way when it launched its corporate purchasing card in the UK in 1995. Blue-chip companies using the card include British Aerospace, Conoco and Warner Lambert. With VAT paperwork reduced, it is claimed that administration and overhead costs can be cut by 50 to 70 per cent. It has spread the types of purchases that can be made, and the list now includes engineering and electrical supplies, freight, couriers, printing and design, stationery, office supplies and computers.

Anglian Water, which uses a Visa purchasing card, says: "We consolidate thousands of VAT invoices each month. The use of monthly management reports as proof of VAT purchases will dramatically reduce our workload."

David Knowles, head of American Express Purchasing Card Europe, says: "Over the past two years we have established a comprehensive supplier base of more than 600 suppliers in the UK. We were the first to offer full Customs and Excise approval for reclaiming VAT, which is essential in the battle to eliminate costly paperwork, and our line-item detail on statements ensures comprehensive management control."

So, given that Customs and Excise had already approved one card, why has it taken until July this year for Visa to persuade the authorities that its systems can produce VAT information as reliably as a paper invoice? Indeed, as long ago as last October approval was said to be imminent.

That delay has certainly slowed down the use of Visa cards, since many purchasing managers have been reluctant to adopt them without the bonus of being VAT compliant.

Visa's Stefan Foryszewski says: "We have taken a little longer because Visa developed a different strategy. The greatest demand from companies is that our card should have the widest acceptance, so we wanted to have as many suppliers as possible accepting it. We wanted suppliers with less sophisticated systems to be able to participate.

"We developed a two-tier solution that could deliver full data but which also enabled smaller suppliers with systems producing less information to join in."

The dual system allows suppliers to choose between providing a copy similar to a paper invoice or a summary including VAT number, a commodity code, the VAT rate and the amount charged.

The simpler system is suitable for small suppliers with relatively few customers, while those dealing in large volumes can opt for a sophisticated sales ledger system. Stuart Fisher, head of Barclays purchasing card division, says another reason why trials took so long is that several card issuers were involved. High street banks such as NatWest, Midland and Lloyds TSB took part in the trials and have subsequently issued VAT-compliant Visa purchasing cards.

Mr Fisher says: "It took a long time because extended trials included a large number of suppliers, Visa customers and banks. There were so many involved that it was difficult to get everybody in line. If it had been just Barclays, I am sure we would have got approval in six months, but because so many banks were involved and we were using an open system, it was difficult tying it all together.

"Establishing a system that suits everyone was important, though, because as the number of electronic terminals and data systems grows, more transactions will be VAT compliant."

Mr Foryszewski says that delay in gaining approval did not reflect a lack of enthusiasm on the part of Customs and Excise. "It was keen on the idea because it will make its audit process far simpler. They will not have to review so many pieces of paper to obtain evidence of VAT claims. A single document from the bank will match what is coming from the suppliers."

The next move is into Europe. Amex has just launched its corporate purchasing card in France, Germany and Sweden. The European operations centre is in the UK, with support from local teams on the Continent.

Mr Knowles says: "Our multinational clients in these key European markets are crying out for a similar system, and the time is ripe for us to develop the product further."

MIDLAND

Corporate card purchases now include freight and couriers, printing, stationery and computers

Giving power to the people on the ground

Companies can easily monitor spending through cards

One of the biggest myths about purchasing cards is that they will cause companies to lose control of their spending.

But the whole reasoning behind purchasing cards is that buying departments should rid themselves of the burdens of chasing paper connected with high volumes of low-value orders.

This change has to mean that non-purchasing staff take on responsibility for buying items they need in their everyday jobs. It also means that companies must trust their staff and implement their purchasing card programmes with thorough communication and training and clear guidelines.

"Purchasing cards actually involve a culture change for the company. If it believes that people are not to be trusted and will exploit it at every opportunity, then the company will too often put in too many controls and purchasing cards will not work," says Adam Hubbarde, senior purchasing manager of Nortel's Enterprise Newtorks Europe. This has not been a problem for Nortel, where Hubbarde led the introduction of purchasing cards in 1993 and is currently looking at how card use can be spread out across Europe.

The clear opinion of many purchasers is that the control issue is a perceived problem and that companies actually get better visibility of spending through purchasing cards than through existing systems.

If a company has concerns, there are a couple of simple ways to gauge the level of controls already in place. How many invoices does it process which do not have an associated purchase order attached to them, and how many invoices does it receive which mismatch first time?

Invoice mismatching is widespread and it is not uncommon for 30 to 50 per cent of low-value invoices to require rework, while the number of invoices processed without an associated purchase order varies dramatically from company to company.

For many purchasers the inherent checks in purchasing cards are enough. These include individual and monthly spending limits, the ability to block certain supply sectors and the monthly breakdown by banks of how much each cardholder is spending and where.

Individual spending limits put a ceiling on the value of what can be bought at any one time, while the monthly limit blocks card use when those individual transactions reach a certain level.

These limits are up to each company using purchasing cards, but typically they start out with transaction limits of around £250, rising quickly to £500 and hitting £1,000 after programmes have been in place for several months. But they can be higher.

One company even allowed a one-off purchase for a direct mail in a £30,000 transaction. Monthly limits tend to be set between £1,000 and £5,000.

Purchasing cards involve a change in a firm's culture

A useful feature is the ability to block certain supply groups in a card so that it can not be used to buy goods from companies in particular Standard Industrial Classification codes. But this is not always as helpful as it first appears. The code groupings can be too general and if used can block out a company where card users want to make a valid purchase. Some companies may block out some retail usage, but, for example, that could mean building workers being unable to buy an urgently needed bag of cement from B&Q.

"We have an approved supplier list and people have to justify their actions if they buy from somewhere else," says Alan Barclay, purchasing manager for London Electricity. "If there is a genuine need to go elsewhere, who are we to say who they should use?"

A popular example from another company is someone who was quizzed about an item bought from Toys R Us. The item turned out to be a toner cartridge, bought from the toy store because it was the cheapest option. Although industry codes can be blocked, individual suppliers can not.

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Tony Dawe on a system that puts companies in charge of their own destinies by showing exactly what has been spent and by whom

How much data does a manager really need?

The great debate about purchasing cards is whether they enable major companies to maintain tight financial controls. Purchasing managers can decide who should have the cards and set credit limits, but many fear control of the cards will be much looser than the computerised purchasing systems, installed at great expense.

The organisations issuing the cards insist, however, that the management reports they send out every month provide more than enough information to show managers exactly how their budget is being spent and by whom.

David Knowles, UK head of purchasing cards for American Express, says: "Companies find it is only when they investigate the purchasing process that they see the improvements that can be made. Those that implement our system can see electronically exactly who has spent what and where; current paper-based purchasing systems don't allow this."

The Amex management report begins by listing each cardholder and the amount spent with which supplier. The report lists every group of items purchased: "Five ink pads, £11.35; three presentation binders, £21.24; one dictionary, £4.11 . . ."

MANAGEMENT REPORTING

"We took this line item detail approach from the start because the information is useful for the user and the company and gives them a 'comfort factor'," says Mary Gelder, Amex marketing manager for corporate purchasing cards.

The report then offers information on each supplier, providing the address and VAT number and listing all the items purchased from the company by all cardholders. This can be particularly useful for purchasing managers because it means they can negotiate bulk discounts if they find some suppliers are providing lots of small items to several departments.

The report can also group purchases by merchant category so that managers can see how much has been spent, for example, on catering, travel, office and mechanical equipment.

"Customers are also provided with a flexible management tool, which they can use to integrate the data," adds Mr Knowles. "While purchasing managers will not necessarily trawl through the data every month, they have a mine of information for analysis." "

Severn Trent Water has evolved its own computer software to administer its Barclaycard purchasing cards. "We take the management data over the Internet, download it and configure it so it merges with information on our existing data base to give us an overall view of everything we are spending," says Martyn Mellors, payment processing manager.

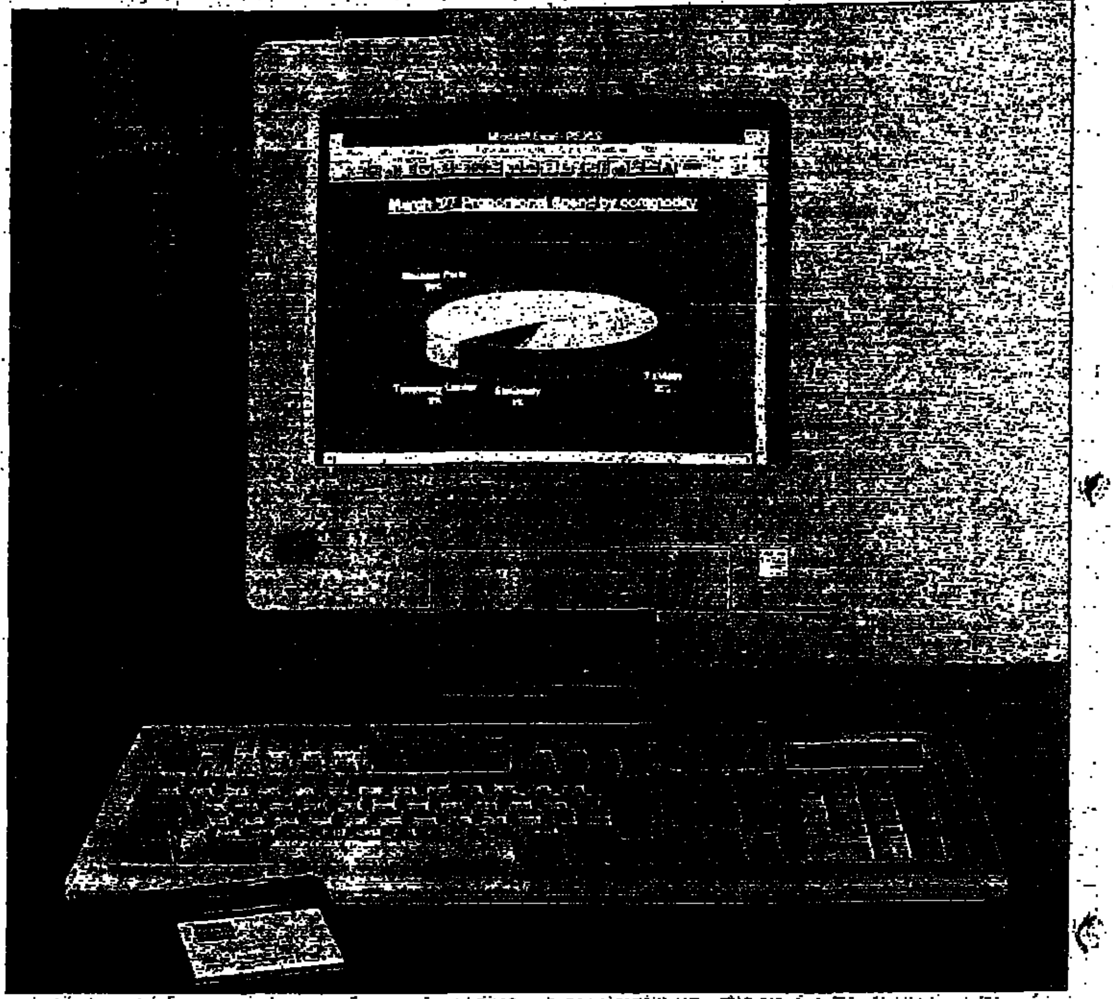
"The software allows us to turn the information inside out. It helps us target suppliers with whom we should be renegotiating and profiles cardholders with high, medium and low useage."

Ian Wollam, purchasing director at Tarmac Civil Engineering, adds: "We get much more detail from NatWest about purchasing card spending than we could ever achieve ourselves without putting in a lot of effort.

"We are also finding that an increasing number of national suppliers are prepared to use the card to trade with us. They see the advantages of allowing the bank to handle transaction costs."

Will Parsons, director of Delta Purchasing, a specialist consultancy, says management reports provide managers with more than they need, but not as much as they want. "Managers are uneasy about fraud and about inexperienced cardholders going wild. They face a conflict between simplifying the purchasing process and letting go of the controls. So they ask for lots and lots of information they don't need because the purchases are low value and low risk."

He adds that the merchant category groupings in management reports can also be flawed. "If an engineer with a purchasing card goes round to B&Q or Homebase to buy a spanner, the information might end up being listed under retailing, gardening, electrical goods or even decorating."



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Some of the UK's biggest organisations have been at the forefront in implementing purchasing card systems and the issuing banks have traditionally aimed their product at major corporate customers.

Stefan Foryszewski, a consultant for Visa, says this is because the larger the company, the more complex and bureaucratic the existing systems and controls tend to be — hence the greater effect cards will have. "Realistically, organisations with under £20 to £30 million turnover need to be looking for a different solution."

Certainly awareness of the issues is higher in larger companies. A survey of purchasing departments by Company Barclaycard for *Supply Management* magazine found that two-thirds of £100 million-plus companies thought they spent too much time on low-value orders, compared with an overall figure of 25 per cent. Part of the awareness issue lies in the fact that larger companies tend to have senior purchasing managers with experience of wider business strategies and the influence to change company-wide systems.

A 20-person department might be cut in half

Over and above greater recognition, it can be argued that larger companies are better placed to introduce purchasing cards. First, they have the purchasing muscle to force smaller supplies to invest in the necessary technology. Second, they tend to have much greater internal resources for training card users, often a much-underestimated concern. Third, they see the obvious potential of downsizing savings — a 20-person buying department might be cut in half by a large-scale card system.

However, Will Parsons, director of Delta Purchasing consultancy, says smaller companies are beginning to enter the market although it is taking longer than anyone predicted. "There is still a lack of awareness and some suspicion," he says. "However, once the cards are in place, I don't see company size making a difference in the way they are used or the benefits achieved."

He says the supplier compliance problem is at least partially offset by the fact that smaller companies make many low value orders from national retailers — many of which already accept purchasing cards.

One smaller organisation which has successfully introduced purchasing cards is the Crispin and Borst construction group, with a turnover of £45 million. Although it has only about 200 "frontline" workers, 150 NatWest cards are currently in use with an expected total transaction value of about £1 million a year. Group purchasing manager Ian Carr says the need for streamlining low value orders was clear: of 20,000 purchases last year, 17,500 were for under £250.

The considerable time Mr Carr has put into training internal users and selling the concept to suppliers is now paying off. Average low-value transaction costs have been cut from £25 to less than £4. He has also cut the purchasing department in half over the past 12 months while improving overall performance.

"We are becoming a proactive purchasing department. I'm using the cards to create time so that we can concentrate on the larger capital spends. I don't want buyers spending time buying nails when they are an off-the-shelf item. The people who use them should be buying them."

NICK EDWARDS

Big companies can cut time wasted on small orders

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Rodney Hobson looks at how cards can help to combat invoice fraud

Keeping a firm finger on crime

As card issuers and fraudsters fight a relentless battle over the misuse of personal credit cards, the issue of security looks as if must be a double worry when it comes to company purchasing cards. Not only can they be stolen, but they are also open to abuse by the employees who are entrusted with them.

Yet the banks who supply the cards and the companies that use them claim that of all forms of plastic money, company cards are the least prone to crime.

Paul Owen is chairman of the purchasing card committee of the Low Value Order Group, an organisation of companies that monitors the buying of low-cost items. He sees the issue from the sharp end.

"We are satisfied that a lot of features in the card regarding security are OK," he says. "Using them is no different to the way that a credit card would be used over the telephone. It is an area that we have debated and some companies are concerned over the possible fraudulent use of the purchasing cards.

"Those taking a more enlightened view are empowering employees to use the cards but spelling out that it is a serious offence if the card is misused. If it is lost it has got to be reported straight away."

Stefan Foryszewski, at Visa, says: "The experience of purchasing cards in the United Kingdom and in the United States is that the level of fraud is the lowest of any card product.

"The issue and use of purchasing cards appears to be very carefully controlled by the firms and the card users. Employees who are trusted with the cards often have responsible jobs and are at a sufficiently high level to have loyalty to their employers.

"Employees could start spending money they are not supposed to, but on the whole it has not happened. It is usually made clear to them that if they are caught misusing the card they are liable to dismissal or at least they will have their card withdrawn.

"Companies tend to be very restrictive in who they issue cards to and they make sure that they go to the right people in the organisation."

Stuart Fisher, purchasing card head at Barclaycard, agrees. "Initially, security against misuse and theft are high on the agenda with potential users," he says, "but once they have got programmes up and running, security gets relegated to almost not being an issue. Companies have controls to keep an eye on the use of the cards and even if they don't auditors certainly do.

"Only a very small percentage of cards are stolen because they tend not to be carried around. Orders and account numbers tend to be quoted over the telephone."

Two specific ways in which the use of purchasing cards can be restricted are putting a spending limit on a card and specifying what types of merchandise can be bought with it.

Mr Foryszewski says: "What a cardholder is allowed to use the card for may reflect his or her responsibilities and authority in management. There can be a limit on every single transaction. A maintenance fitter may be allowed £100 or £200 while someone in the purchasing department is allowed up to £5,000. There can also be a monthly spending limit of, say £2,000 for the fitter and £50,000 for the purchasing department.

"The company might want to ban spending on hotels, airlines, restaurants or car hire. These can be blocked. There is a greater control on the purchasing card over and above that for other types of card."

Visa cites the example of a company that found its purchasing card was being used at an Audi garage. This seemed odd to the managers because the company had no Audis.

In fact, the purchasing card had uncovered a fraud that had been going on for ten years. The employee had been running a private business and buying parts with his employer's money.

Mr Fisher points out that whatever purchasing system a company uses there can be fraud. He points out that even with a paper system orders are often made over the phone, goods are delivered and the paperwork comes later, giving more scope for abuse.

If, despite all the assurances, companies are still worried about security, they can buy peace of mind. Banks issuing Visa purchase cards offer liability waiver insurance against lost cards or misuse of cards by employees.

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Derek Hardy at Arrow: "Offered benefits for both parties."

ARROW Business Systems had less than a month to crack into action after one of its most important customers announced that it wanted to pay for all its stationery by Visa purchasing card.

The Luton-based stationery company had been accepting payment by Visa cards since the late Eighties, but transactions involving Visa payment had been few and far between.

"It was almost by accident that we came across the system. Although there was no explicit pressure on us to go down this route, we realised very quickly that what they were proposing offered major benefits for both parties," says Derek Hardy at Arrow. With the help of Barclays Merchant Services, Arrow installed a payment system.

Mr Hardy believes it "enhances levels of service to the customer and has enabled us and our customers to reduce administrative costs". Currently the company is dealing with 500 to 600 transactions a month with a value of £30,000.

"You have to be very customer-focused these days," he says. "It was a route we had to go down. Card suppliers don't operate the system for nothing, but we can pay. It's a competitive business that we are in and it is our job to keep the price down for the customer."

How BOC set the trend that others follow

In the chargecard hall of fame, the name of Trevor Rock is framed in gold. As materials manager at BOC Gases, it was he who first suggested to the company's bankers that they should experiment with purchasing cards, thus setting the trend for Britain's large corporations.

In the early 1990s a study found that almost two thirds of BOC's requisitions were items costing less than £250 — vehicle spares, stationery, small tools, business-related newspapers and so forth. Together, they represented only 3.3 per cent of total expenditure, but they were clearly very costly to process.

Mr Rock set himself the task of reducing the cost. He looked at various changes to the system. He dabbled with three-part local purchase orders, photocopied handwritten requisitions, a daily logbook; even verbal orders with no formal purchase order. Every method threw up reams of invoices.

Eventually, he approached Company Barclaycard about purchasing cards, which had already become established in America. In August 1991 a steering group met for the first time. On it sat representatives from a BOC branch and from four departments: purchasing, finance, IT and quality assurance.

Cards helped BOC to cut costs

Cardholders, requisitioners, branch managers, supervisors and invoice-matchers were trained and issued with booklets detailing the process. Feedback sessions were arranged. The job of getting the suppliers onside began, with teams from Company Barclaycard doing the explaining and BOC the persuading. And in January 1992 the scheme began at two sites.

Five years later the cards are "embedded in the culture of the company", says Ted Dwyer, the current materials manager, based in Guildford. "There are 460 cardholders in 90 UK locations, ordering goods worth £8 million a year, and we've rolled out the concept to South Africa, America, Australia and shortly the North Pacific." For his vision, Mr Rock won the BOC Group Innovation Award.

"Take garage spares," Mr Dwyer says. "The garage foreman will have a procurement card, as we call them. If he wants a part, he rings up his local spare dealer, orders the part on the phone, gives the dealer his card number, and the part will be delivered. At the end of month, a statement goes to his manager. He distributes a copy to the foreman, who checks it. Then it goes through to be paid. At the moment, there's still some paperwork because of VAT. But the new card should overcome that, now that there's an agreement with Customs and Excise.

"When we started, cardholders had a £250 limit. Now confidence has grown and it's between £500 and £1,000. Selected people will have their top limit increased.

"The front-end purchasing side has certainly been simplified. The staff feel more responsible — they've been empowered, to use the jargon. On transaction costs we've saved more than the initial target of £200,000 a year. Time is obviously saved, plus postage and stationery. Suppliers are paid quicker. It's an enabler."

When the pilot began there were fears about spend analysis, lack of management control, potential abuse of the system and an adverse cashflow effect. These fears proved groundless, Mr Dwyer says. The monthly reports from Company Barclaycard separate ordered items into 30 categories.

Lack of management control has not proved a problem. Negotiations with Company Barclaycard have overcome the cashflow problem. And fraud? "Well, nobody has booked a holiday on the card so far," he says.

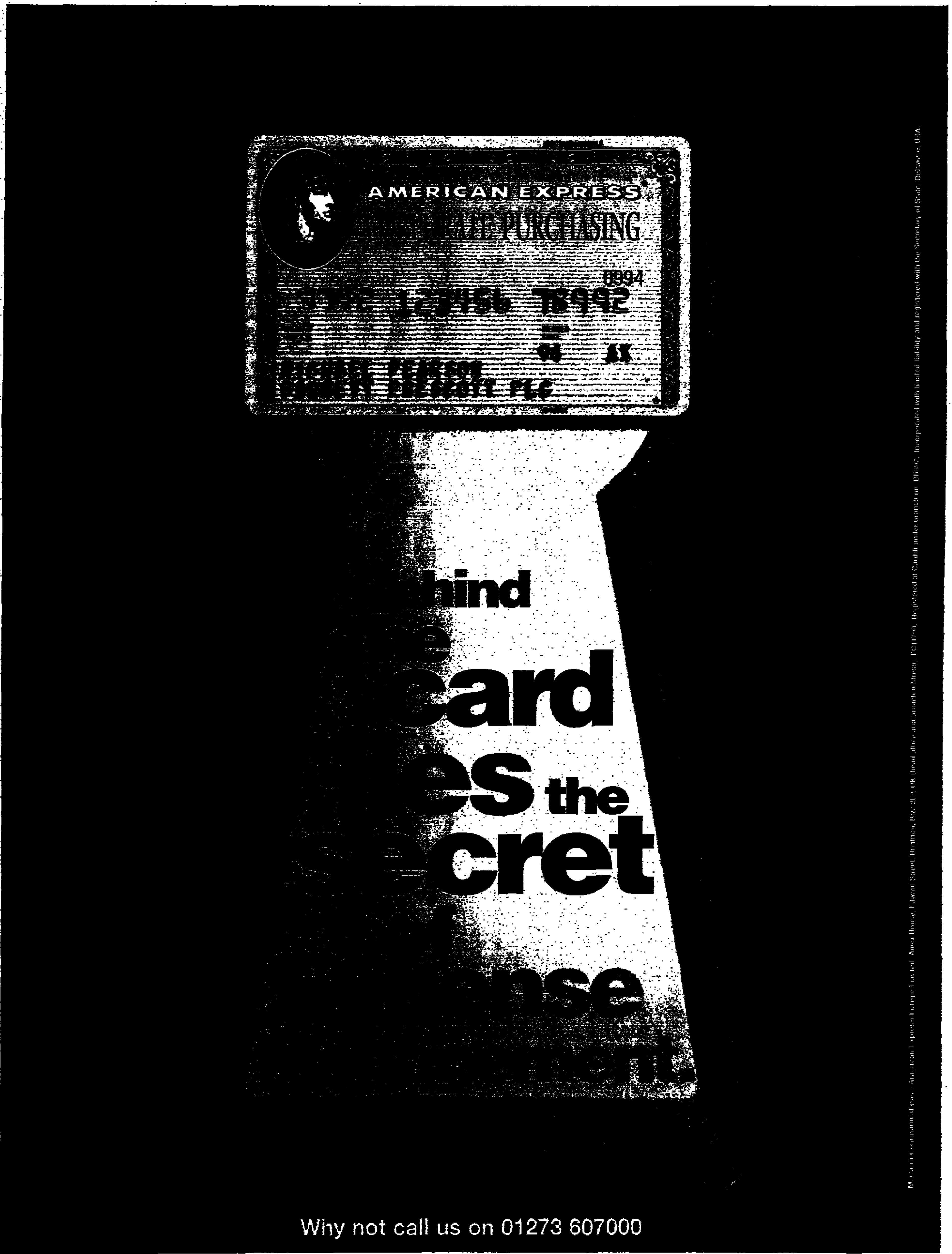
On the debit side, he concedes that some suppliers are unhappy about paying banks a fee. Some are waiting to see whether other customers take the card route before signing up. With these suppliers BOC uses alternative methods — a monthly order agreement, for example. Some transactions are done by EDI (electronic data interchange). Some suppliers submit a disk which is downloaded straight into BOC's general ledger.

"We did try using a Visa number on the Internet," Mr Dwyer says. "The interfaces weren't there, but when those problems are solved, it will add another dimension to purchasing."

BOC's policy has been to concentrate on the top 20 per cent of its active suppliers. The shared experience of being pioneers has in itself cemented relationships, Mr Dwyer says.

"I'm sure it will spread. Purchasing cards in industry will become as common as credit cards in the high street. You wouldn't go out without one, would you?"

PETER BROWN



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Training is the key to success in big companies, says **Tony Dawe**, while **Morag Preston** looks at the experiences of three small suppliers

Conquering fear and loathing in the office

From Britain's biggest aircraft manufacturer and prominent water company to chicken farmers and suppliers of lorry parts, the purchasing card is becoming part of everyday life.

Cards are now given to fitters and flight engineers, salesmen and roadbuilders, allowing them to order essential low-cost components by telephone or fax without delay and a mountain of paperwork.

This purchasing revolution has, for the most part, brought morale-boosting responsibility to blue-collar workers on the shopfloor and representatives out on the road. But it has also caused resentment. Some managers fear their power has been undermined by allowing more junior members of staff to place orders, while clerks in accounts and purchasing departments could hardly be expected to welcome an upheaval that will cost many their jobs. Even some cardholders have been concerned at their new responsibilities.

SETTING UP

Severn Trent Water, which has handed out 750 Company Barclaycards in the past year, has encountered some difficulties. "Some managers insisted that they should have cards because they had always been the keepers of the order book for low-value purchases," Martyn Mellors, payment processing manager, says.

"But we decided that it was the people who were doing the business over the phone with suppliers who needed the cards. At the outset, some of them were worried about the implications of being a cardholder. They didn't appreciate that it was an issue of corporate accountability and not a personal one. They were also worried about being landed with a workload that had always been carried out by the purchasing department."

Most problems were resolved at training sessions, supported by Barclaycard. "When we asked for the cards back at the end of a pilot scheme in 1995, they were not returned willingly," Mr Mellors adds.

The whole process has been driven by the number of low-value transactions in the business. "They amount to 3 per cent of our spend but 60 per cent of the volume," he says. "We were looking for economies, and purchasing cards was one measure that would help to reduce manpower."

The company has now delegated some £5 million worth of purchasing to local spending officers in departments such as transport, human resources, facilities management and field maintenance. They can use the cards to purchase items costing up to £1,000, plus VAT, and their monthly credit limits range from £2,000 to tens of thousands, depending on what they are doing for the company.

Staff in the training department can use their cards to book courses at hotels and buy textbooks, fitters in the transport department can order spare parts and even the company librarian has a card.

Potential problems caused by the cards were ironed out at British Aerospace's military aircraft division by numerous "awareness sessions" and by leaving managers with some responsibility.

"Together with our chosen partner, American Express, we took staff through the old process and then explained how the purchasing cards would work and how the information they provided would put us more in charge of our own destiny," Chris Hindle, purchasing business manager, says.

"They realised it would make the purchasing process more streamlined. We have had a good 'buy-in' from many of our 500 departments, which can use the cards for components costing up to £2,000."

The company ensured that managers with budget responsibilities received a card and encouraged them to nominate two or three other cardholders to make purchases in their departments.

With 800 cardholders now spending £1.8 million a month on Amex purchasing cards, the BAe division has become one of the biggest players in the field and expects the use of the cards to spread throughout the company.

The introduction of the cards in smaller firms such as Sun Valley Poultry, of Hereford, and CVS Gatwick, a commercial vehicle spares distributor, has proved equally effective.

"We have been delighted with this new system of payment," says Elaine Brown of CVS. "It is easy and quick, it ensures we receive payment within a few days of the transaction taking place, it is administratively efficient and it removes the worry and uncertainty of dealing with customers unknown to the company."

At Tarmac Civil Engineering, Ian Wollam, purchasing director, admitted that the introduction of NatWest purchasing cards has received "a mixed reception", with resentment among some staff at carrying out the purchasing department's function.

"We had to train staff, but that was a good thing as everyone should be aware of the cost of materials," Mr Wollam says. "There is now a greater acceptance that this is 'the sensible thing to do' and that empowering people to use the cards gives them personal control over what we spend."

The company has issued 150 cards so far, with spending limits ranging from £100 for staff with no previous purchasing experience to £5,000 for some managers.

Mr Wollam also identifies one more potential problem. "We recognised that we would be paying the banks sooner than we had paid suppliers. But even then, the system is better because of the savings achieved by cutting paperwork, the improved relationship with the suppliers and the opportunities for making better use of the budget."

Elaine and David Brown at CVS Gatwick: "Cards remove the worry and uncertainty," Elaine says

KELLY SERVICES: WE ALL WIN

MIDLAND Bank provided Kelly Services with a memorable pilot for its purchase card system. The bank, a user of the system and a familiar client of the employment agency, paid for the hiring of temporary staff with the card.

"If we can provide top-rate committed staff, an easy ordering system and payment process, then everyone wins all round," says Stephen Segel, financial controller at Kelly Services. "Our clients benefit because they have greater control over expenditure and we do not have to chase our clients' accounts departments."

Mr Segel did have his doubts when Kelly Services started a purchasing card system almost two years ago. "Not as many people were aware of the purchase card payment cycle at that time. But now we are getting a lot more questions from customers, asking how it works.

"On the subject of costs the benefits have to be weighed up against financing costs. We felt it was an advantage, so we went for it."

Glenn Forde at Midland Card Services says: "Kelly Services now sends us an itemised bill rather than lots of individual invoices. This avoids us having to worry about whether we could be paying for the same temp twice."

Neil Sexton: "We are paid within three or four days"

TOM'S CARS: [illegible]

TWELVE months ago, Neil Sexton, who runs a variety of transport services from limousine hire to the delivery of frozen vegetables, was looking for a quicker and more cost-effective way for customers to settle their accounts.

With the help of Barclays Merchant Services, a purchase card terminal was installed at Tom's Cars, the family firm in Hereford.

Mr Sexton says: "The majority of our business customers settle their accounts every two months. When one of our customers asked us to accept Visa purchasing cards I was sceptical. When someone tells you that you're going to lose about 2 per cent of everything you earn, that's a lot. But with hindsight we worked out that our overdraft was costing us more.

"Since then we have been told that if we decrease the number of transactions we put through — perhaps weekly rather than daily — it will cost us less."

The company now receives authorisation within minutes, and employees do not have to spend time writing out paper vouchers. "It means we are paid within three or four working days," Mr Sexton says, "rather than having to wait months."

"It has improved our cashflow by as much as £15,000 a month. We have been able to invest this money and improve the services we can offer."

SHEPHERD & CO: BRILLIANT IDEA

IT WAS a request from Glaxo Wellcome that persuaded Shepherd & Co to adopt the Visa purchasing system. The outcome is a stronger business relationship between the pharmaceutical giant and the Darlington-based company, which supplies fruit and vegetables to caterers.

Shepherd & Co, which has a £750,000 annual turnover and employs a staff of 13, signed up to accept the Visa purchasing system in 1995. The issuing bank was NatWest. "Our decision was principally customer-led," says Kathryn Shepherd, a director. "It helps us to offer a technologically advanced service to our customers and also to give us an edge when competing for new business. It's a brilliant idea — why no one came up with it before, I don't know."

But Mrs Shepherd is surprised that the cost of the scheme falls upon "the people who the banks are trying to get to use it".

She says: "I suppose they are trying to cover their costs, but it does seem a bit short-sighted. Not a lot of our customers are interested in using it at the moment, but we hope that will improve. I don't think enough people know about it yet — when you mention it to firms, they haven't a clue. But it is the way of the future, and it is a clean way of doing things."

Do purchasing managers have any idea?

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This is my island in the frame

Chris Blackwell is now doing for Jamaican film what he did for the island's music, says **Nigel Williamson**

In an illustrious career spanning almost 40 years, Chris Blackwell is as excited about his film *Dancehall Queen* as about anything with which he has ever been involved. He believes the film heralds both a revolutionary development technologically and a quantum leap culturally for the Jamaican film industry.

These are bold claims from a man whose name is synonymous with Jamaican culture, and particularly with its export to the rest of the world. Through his Island Records label, Blackwell was almost single-handedly responsible for introducing an unsuspecting world to the sounds of ska and rock-steady, the definitive Jamaican beats of the 1960s which caused a musical revolution. He discovered Bob Marley and tirelessly promoted reggae until it became one of popular music's most ubiquitous rhythms.

"For a tiny island with a population of two and a half million Jamaica's cultural influence around the globe is remarkable," he says. Indeed it is, but without Blackwell's entrepreneurial vision the probability is that Jamaican culture would never have filtered much beyond the diaspora of the world's Afro-Caribbean communities.

Now, with his new company Island Jamaica Films, Blackwell plans to do for the indigenous film industry what he has already done for Jamaican music. *Dancehall Queen* is not Blackwell's first venture into films — he was also behind the Academy Award-winning *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, among others, and 25 years ago his *The Harder They Come* starring the Jamaican singer Jimmy Cliff became a cult classic. Yet his latest cinematic venture holds a special place in his heart, for two reasons.

Relaxing over dinner at his Strawberry Hill compound, one of the world's great luxury hotels in the Blue Mountains high above Kingston, Blackwell (who also owns Goldeneye, the former Jamaican home of Ian Fleming) explains that he believes we are witnessing a revolution in film-making.

"It feels like a beginning. This film is the first to be shot on digital video cameras. That means it cost us about £400,000, whereas a low-budget movie in Hollywood terms these days costs bettwen £10 million and £20 million. This technology does for film what compact disc did for audio. Digital cameras allow you total spontaneity and you can use two or three cameras on every shot from different angles. It's the democratisation of film-making and it also means we can produce direct for the home market so that you just plug it in to your television and speakers. We can start selling movies like CDs." The new cameras make the film a perfect fit with the newly developed DVD format, which unlike normal video means no loss of sonic or visual quality.

Chris Blackwell in Jamaica: "The new technology with digital cameras does for film what the compact disc did for audio. It represents the democratisation of film-making"

The second reason for Blackwell's enthusiasm is the raw drama and vibrant passion that oozes from every frame of *Dancehall Queen*. "My roots are all Jamaican and I feel its culture is a unique export. This film is a portrait of life on the streets of Kingston. It's the very real story of an incredibly strong woman battling against the odds in a male-dominated culture and triumphing."

For that reason Blackwell has refused all demands from distributors to provide subtitles for some of the film's stronger patois. "It is a Jamaican film and subtitles would be patronising. We are not going to compromise the spirit of the film like that."

The decision is surely the right one: *Dancehall Queen* combines a rich balance of menace and street humour, revolving around a struggling single mother financially dependent on a rich "uncle" intent on sexually abusing her young daughter. Her bid for financial independence and personal freedom involves moonlighting in Kingston's top clubs to win the title of "dancehall queen" by dressing in outrageous costumes and performing sexually provocative dances to the latest Jamaican sounds.

The performance by Audrey Reed in the title role is riveting. "I think all the acting is fantastic but Audrey is particularly great," says Blackwell. "When she tries to change her life the audience really cares about her. The music exaggerates the moods to make it all larger than life. Jamaica is like that."

Some have likened the film to a Jamaican *Saturday Night Fever* and the dancehall phenomenon, now imported to Britain where it has a strong following among the Afro-Caribbean community, has excited academic debate at the University of the West Indies about whether its blatant sexuality is a further example of the exploitation of women, or the instrument of their liberation. Indeed, the pulsing dancehall beat of Kingston club culture, with its bump'n'grind "slackness" which forms the musical backdrop of the film, is a long way from the spiritual sounds of Marley.

But, insists Blackwell, it is still in the best traditions of reggae's glory days. "This music has a great attitude. There is an unruliness about it. Jamaicans love their individuality and that comes out in the music. Think of the bossa nova. That was a rhythm that became decent very quickly. It was soft and ambient and parents liked it. Jamaican music has always avoided that; it has broken its own boundaries and retained its rebelliousness."

To direct the film Blackwell brought in Don Letts and Rick Elgood, two British-based Rastafarians. They recruited many actors literally off the streets of Kingston. "Part of the philosophy was to begin putting back into Jamaica what so many people have taken out," says Letts. *Dancehall Queen* is not a smooth-talking, glossy Hollywood epic but it possesses the beat of the street and a heart that the big studios seem unable to capture. The film, Blackwell promises, is the first of a series which will highlight Jamaican culture. "I hope we can make about two a year. Jamaica has never lacked the talent. Now we have the means."

● Dancehall Queen *is on general release. The soundtrack is available now on Island*

Three men in a beat

JAZZ

Ellery Eskelin

Vortex

Every so often a tenor saxophonist comes along who rewrites the rules about jazz improvisation and composition. Since his 1991 *Figure of Speech* album, Ellery Eskelin has been on the list of such players, and the final date of his first UK tour showed that the buzz of excitement among the cognoscenti was more than justified.

His roots are in the blues-based organ and tenor sounds of the 1960s, and occasionally he lets rip with gutsy blues playing over one of his characteristically dense vamped backgrounds, but more often he exploits newer, more daring territory.

His current trio draws together two lines of recent exploration, unorthodox instrumentation and asymmetrical compositions in which thematic material is linked by free passages or stark rhythmic and textural contrasts. The title track of their recent album *One Great Day*, which doubled as their opening number, exemplified how successfully ideas have been worked through. Andrea Parkins's accordion, keyboard and sampling varied the timbre as effectively as Jim Black's virtuoso drumming.

From his tour here earlier this year with Tim Berne's Bloodcount, it was obvious that Black has become one of New York's most creative percussionists, and Eskelin's trio offers him a perfect forum for his eclectic playing. Snatches of drum 'n' bass weave seamlessly into hard-edged rock-tinged rhythms; shakers, gourds and brittle cymbal effects jostle with the conventional drum kit, yet a basic jazz sensibility is never absent.

The credit for this must go to Eskelin. He points out that his music is not "about" anything, it exists for the experience of the moment. The trio is a mobile test-bed for ideas as open-minded as it is technically accomplished, playing some pieces so new they are known only by numbers. Eskelin asked his audience for possible titles for "No 20" — a five-note motif repeated endlessly as the dynamics and time shifted behind it.

For all his innovation, Eskelin never entirely abandons notions of metre and harmony, but his playing, brittle and robust, tender and hard-edged by turns, shows there are more novel ways of working within them than the high-speed harmonic work-outs of most post-Coltrane tenorists.

ALYN SHIPTON

TEN OBJECTS OF DESIRE

Richard Cork's daily guide to the Hayward Gallery's new exhibition of still lifes

■ **MERET OPPENHEIM:** *Object, 1936*

WOMEN artists were not encouraged to shine in male-dominated Surrealist circles. But undaunted, Meret Oppenheim produced one of the movement's most unforgettable images. Taking a cup, saucer and spoon, she transformed their everyday normality with the aid of pale brown fur. It spreads across their surfaces like some threatening, uncontrollable growth. Fur normally imparts a sense of warmth and reassurance. Here, however, it excites disgust and fascination. We recoil, but our curiosity is aroused by its weird, erotic suggestiveness.

☐ *Objects of Desire is at the Hayward (0171-960 4242), sponsored by BMW in association with* The Times. TOMORROW: Frida Kahlo's *Still Life with Prickly Pears, 1938*

Pounding the campaign trail for real rock

POP

By rights Edwyn Collins should be playing all the glam-clad stadiums of the world by now. After *Girl Like You* went ballistic, he was everybody's sarcastic best friend. As it is, the should-be homecoming hero is still playing to a hardcore cult fan base of thirtysomethings.

No problem. For this not-so-young pretender to the throne has been furrowing a quality path of garage guitar soul songs that should make the new kids on the block kneel at his feet and pay homage.

For Collins eschewed the all-too-reverent and, let's face it, all-too-easy Britpop. And, as his new album shows, he is still speaking with his tongue firmly in his cheek. Frankly he seems nonplussed by the whole post-*Girl Like You* brouhaha, and is hilariously content simply to be getting on with the business now at hand.

The opening title, *The Campaign for Real Rock*, sets the tone for a searingly wry stream of observations on life, love and the music business over the past 15 years. Too wise to be bitter, the minister for rock without portfolio opts for brevity instead, and who can blame him with back pages like his?

The bulk of the set is drawn from his wonderfully eclectic new album, *I'm Not Following You*, which is a series of wry, dry slices of rock'n'roll insider out-takes. But Collins is far too clever to be nasty, and where the likes of *Downer* would sound bitter from lesser talents, in Collins's plum-in-gob brogue it comes over as never less than cheeky.

He is none too proud, either, to acknowledge his back-catalogue, getting right back to the start of it all with *Falling and Laughing*. The difference here, though, is that, with such a solidly proficient backing as his current band — still featuring former Sex Pistol Paul Cook on drums — the old song cannot fail to sound even better than how you remember the original. By *What Presence*, the ageing showman is strutting his stuff aloft on the bass drum, wiggling his hips and charming the socks off an exceedingly knowing audience.

A magnificent encore of *Rip It Up* adds even more colour to the proceedings, mixing up samples of Seventies disco with the Fall's Mark E. Smith, who appears on the album. And a closing *Adidas World* said it all, managing to cock a snook at the Blurs of this world and sound like a born-again B-52s at the same time. Still kicking after all these years, Collins looks set to be a grin-tastic delight for several years yet to come.

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CENERENTOLA Robert Chevara, newly appointed director of productions for English Touring Opera, has chosen a new production of Rossini's captivating comic work to open the company's autumn season. Leah Hausman directs, with designs by Katrina Lindsay. Conductor is Andrew Greenwood. The production runs in tandem with a revival of Stephen Medcalf's production of the *Marriage of Figaro*. Tour goes on to High Wycombe next Tuesday.
Richmond Theatre, The Green, Richmond (0181-940 0088). *Cenerentola*: Tonight and Fri, 7.45pm; *Figaro*: Tomorrow and Sat, 7.45pm. Ⓢ

JANE EYRE Shared Experience's touring production of Charlotte Brontë's compelling love story with Pooky Quesnel's mad Bertha seen as a dark alter ego to Monica Dolan's Jane.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Previews tonight, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Tue, Thur and Sat, 2.30pm. Until Nov 8 Ⓢ

SHINTOKU-MARU Yukio Ninagawa's company here for six performances of doubtless breathtaking beauty. A tale of jealousy and forbidden love reminiscent, it seems, of *Oedipus* and *Phaedra*.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then tomorrow-Sat, 7.45pm, mats tomorrow and Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

STEPPING OUT. Musical version of Richard Harris's hit play (music and lyrics by Denis King and Mary Stewart David). Julia McKenzie directs Liz Robertson and her hopeful hoofers.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (0171-369 1730). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thur, 3pm and Sat, 4pm

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: *Music from across Europe* is featured in a programme from the City of Birmingham Symphony *Orchestra under its principal guest* conductor Paavo Järvi. Brahms's *Variations on a Theme of Haydn* is coupled with Kodály's Concerto for Orchestra and Sibelius's *The Swan of Tuonela* and Symphony No 5.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street, (0121-212 3333) Ⓢ

Paavo Järvi conducts in Birmingham

CANTERBURY: The autumn's festivities continue with a visit by the dynamic young ensemble **I fagiolini** who bring together sonorous vocal music from the 11th to the 20th century. *Tonight's programme, directed by* Robert Hollingworth, includes work by Tallis, Palestrina and Duruflé.
Canterbury Cathedral (The Crypt), Christ Church Gate, The Precincts (01227 452853). Tonight, 7.30pm.

EDINBURGH: *Scottish Opera* continues its season with a restaged version of its 1994 production of Benjamin Britten's dark tale, **Peter Grimes**. Richard Armstrong conducts, with Jeffrey Lawton in the role of Grimes.
Festival Theatre, Nicolson Street (0131-529 6000). Opens tonight, 7.15pm Ⓢ

NORWICH: At last a chance to see **Miss Julie**, William Alwyn's opera based on Strindberg's play about social class, power and passion. In spite of being completed in 1978 this is the opera's first staging. Judith Howarth and Karl Daymond head the cast, with Peter *Wilson and Benjamin Luxon as joint* directors.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Street (01603 630000). Tonight and Sat, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: James Ensor (0171-638 8891) ... **European Academy & Accademia Italiana**: Josefa de Obidos of Portugal (1630-1684) (0171-235 0303) . **Hayward**: The Modern Still Life (0171-928 3144) . **Mall**: The Hilliard Society of Miniaturists (0171-930 6844) . **Museum of London**: Bedlam. Custody, care and cure (0171-600 0807) . **National**: Hogarth's Marriage A-la-Mode (0171-747 2885) . ***Royal Academy***: Sensation (0171-439 7438) .. **Tate**: Turner on the Loire (0171-887 8000)

◪ **ART** Henry Goodman, Roger Allam and Stanley Townsend in this exceptionally interesting drama about friendship, unspoken resentment and an *almost all-white painting*.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

☐ **COMING UP**: Nicola Duffett plays the teacher championing a boy after a theft in a shopping mall. Comedy by James Martin Charlton, author of the excellent *Fat Souls*.
Warehouse, Dingwall Rd, East Croydon (0181-680 4060). Tue, 6.30pm, Wed-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 5pm. Until November 16

☐ **DANTON'S DEATH** First in a Georg Büchner trilogy, showing the last days of the popular hero of the French Revolution. David Farr directs one of the best first plays ever written.
Gate Theatre, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706) *Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Ends Fri*

☐ **GUYS AND DOLLS** The Olivier returns to its original shape for the revival of *Richard Eyre's revival*. Exhilarating stuff.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Thur, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. In rep.

☐ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND**: Return of Peter Hall's enjoyable production, brimful of deceptions. Starring Martin Shaw and Simon Ward, and Kate O'Mara as the svelte troublemaker.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thur 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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☐ **KAT AND THE KINGS**: Exuberant musical set in Cape Town as rock'n'roll bursts over South Africa. A great evening out.
Tricycle Theatre, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed (*Oct 22, Nov 5*), 2pm and Sat, 4pm. Until Nov 8 Ⓢ

☐ **MY BOY JACK**: First play by David Haig with *himself as Rudyard Kipling*, urging his beloved son to go off to the trenches. Belinda Lang plays Mrs K. Directed by John Dove.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 3pm.

☐ **POPCORN** Ben Elton's blistering comedy about movie violence. A Tarantinoesque director gets his comeuppance when a couple of serial killers (Corey Johnson and Dena Davis) blame him for their misdeeds. Laurence Boswell directs.
***Apollo**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1* (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, and Sat, 4pm

☐ ***THE WASP FACTORY**: Successful* stage version of the sinister cult novel by Iain Banks, adapted and directed by Malcolm Sutherland. First seen at West Yorkshire Playhouse. Terrific sets.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Fri, 8.30pm; Sat, *7pm and 9.30pm.* Ⓢ

☐ **WASTE**: Felicity Kendal, Michael Pennington, Denis Quilley in Granville *Barker's fascinating drama of the* power struggle within a government, complicated by sex.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Tonight, 7.30pm. In rep.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)**: Criterion (0171-369 1737) .. ☐ **Grease**: Cambridge (*0171-494 5080*) ◪ **An Inspector Calls**: Garrick (0171-494 5085) ... ☐ **Martin Guerre**: Prince Edward (0171-447 5400) . . ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) .. ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) ... ☐ **Oliver!**: *Palladium (0171-494 5020)* ... ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) ... ☐ **The Woman In Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

FATHER'S DAY (12) Robin Williams and Billy Crystal discover they might be *the father of a teenage boy*. Tepid comedy. Director, Ivan Reitman.
UCI Whiteleys Ⓢ (0990 888990)
Virgin Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)
Warner Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

THE GAME (18) Sleek businessman Michael Douglas gets a shake-up. Outlandish thriller from Seven director David Fincher. With Sean Penn.
ABC Baker Street (0171-935 9772) ***Notting Hill Coronet*** Ⓢ *(0171-727 6705)* **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

HERCULES (U): Greek mythology gets Disneyfied. Lively family cartoon from *Aladdin* directors John Musker and Ron Clements.
***Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214)* **Leicester Square** (0181-315 4215) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990)

HOUSE OF AMERICA (15): *Teenagers in Wales yearn for the* American dream. Muddled blend of realism and fantasy, from Edward Thomas's play. With Steven *Mackintosh, Lisa Palfrey*
ABCs: Piccadilly (0171-437 3561) **Shaftesbury Av** (0171-836 6279) **Tottenham Ct Rd** (0171-636 6148)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NIL BY MOUTH (18): Family crises in a South London housing estate. A raw *slice of life from debuting director Gary* Oldman. Powerful performances by Ray Winston and Kathy Burke.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 *4255*) ***Kensington** (0181-315 4214)* **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

PUSHER (18): Gritty Danish thriller about a drug pusher's downfall, from first-time director Nicolas Winding Refn.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **ICA** Ⓢ (0171-930 3647)

TEMPTRESS MOON (15) Gigolo is obsessed with the daughter of a decaying household. Lusciously visualised period melodrama by Chen Kaige, director of *Farewell My Concubine*.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

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◆ **CONTACT** (PG): Jodie Foster itches to make contact with outer space. Enjoyable, mostly intelligent sci-fi, directed by Robert Zemeckis.
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Intimacy on all sides

Javier De Frutos
Glasgow

It is a truism that dance is a vertical expression of a horizontal intention, and no one makes that more explicitly clear than the Venezuela-born choreographer Javier De Frutos, who brought his *latest work to Glasgow's* Tramway for its British premiere.

De Frutos has become infamous for not putting too much of his budget into the costume department, and *Grass* is no different in this respect. What is different about *Grass*, though, is that it sees De Frutos flexing his creative muscles by bringing two other dancers into his world, thus allowing him to flesh out the star charts of his highly individualistic path. And it is his secret self we are allowed a glimpse — something as sensual as it is sinewy and stark.

Set to Puccini's *Madam Butterfly* — and, let's be honest, gay iconography doesn't come much bigger than that — the first act sees De Frutos darting betwixt and between a *man and a woman standing* still as you like around a circle. Opposites attract, though, and soon De Frutos's bald prima donna seems to sprout wings, *shaking his tush as he teasingly* invites them to accompany him. Then it's man to man as the woman is squeezed out of this ever-decreasing circle.

By the second act, the men are naked and red raw, while the woman claws through dimly lit gauze at the rear of the stage. What follows is *something exquisite in terms* of both bravery and passion, made even more so by the music's abrupt petering out midway through, so you are *forced to concentrate even* harder on every on-stage interaction. By the end, though, Puccini is back for the suitably operatic tragedy of always hurting the one you love, as De Frutos swoops free as a bird, as eager to escape love as much as he needs it.

Simply put, it is a beautiful display that does not shy away from the hard heart of the matter. Tights and Lycra would have been a cop-out. The dramatic final flourish aside, *Grass*'s finest moment comes during an extended kiss between the two men, in itself a tenderly elongated dance, lips replacing limbs in the kind of choreography that only comes into play when your guard is let down and the essence of purity, at first restrained, can finally break free.

De Frutos is a maverick in this respect. His own struggles to recognise and come to terms *with himself as an artist* are as much a part of a work as of his life. While one smiles at the outrage such a work might provoke if it fell into the wrong *hands, the ironic marvel* of all this is how wonderfully innocent and unshocking it seems. It is a credit to De Frutos's integrity that he can carry all *this off so unselfconciously*, yet all the time be involved resolutely in the discipline of the performance. Like a glimpse into an alternative Eden before the apple fell, *Grass* is in a field of its own. De Frutos is touring Britain, and comes to The Place Theatre in London on November 7 and 8.

NEIL COOPER

No hiding place: Javier De Frutos (foreground) and co-dancers in De Frutos's *Grass*

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A LOOSE assortment of events at *irregular intervals and extending into* November is being grouped together as an Australian Festival, and was launched at the weekend by the Australian Chamber Orchestra. It is a *string ensemble now in its 22nd year*, in which the 16 or so players are mostly under 30. The programme here suggested that versatility is the name of the game under its director and first violin, Richard Tognetti.

Ranging from Corelli in the 17th century to Australia's own senior composer, Peter Sculthorpe, in today's forefront, the orchestra displayed a conductorless *discipline* and a string tone of clarity, weight and brilliance. Phrasing could be idiosyncratic, as in the slow central movement of Corelli's Concerto Grosso in F, Op 6 No 2, where sudden dynamic changes imparted a lurching gait, followed by a finale that was disconcertingly brash.

The players were joined by the Dutch cellist Peter Wistelwey, first in Lutoslawski's *Grave*, a short tribute to a Polish friend marked by fastidious writing for the cello. The soloist was also heard to polished effect in Haydn's C major Concerto.

In Sculthorpe's Sonata for Strings No 2 of 1988, multifarious aspects of *string technique are put to descriptive* use in evoking elements of the natural landscape of Australia, graphic in character but also thoughtful in content, and here given an assured and *persuasive performance*.

Also evocative of landscape was Tognetti's arrangement of the String Quartet No 2 by Parvel Haas, a Moravian Czech who died in Auschwitz. *His quartet was his souvenir of a* youthful and evidently carefree holiday in the Moravian Highlands, and his study with Janáček is apparent in almost every bar. This was a tense, *sometimes raucous performance*, rich in sentiment and captivating in spirit.

NOEL GOODWIN

Dazzled by the glory

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THE first ever audience for Schoenberg's *Gurrelieder* turned up to protest, but left elated. It is not hard to understand why: a performance of this masterpiece will always be a rare occasion, and this magnificent perfor*mance by the BBC Symphony* Orchestra and Chorus was no exception. Few will forget Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau's exhortation, *The wild hunt of the summer wind*; it was as if he had *conjured the sun to rise in the final*, shattering chorus of joy.

Despite its dramatic dynamism, one of the recurring words in *Gurrelieder* is "still", and without a dreamlike *stillness the fairytale cannot reach* its full intensity. This performance began restlessly. Jon Frederic West, as the king Waldemar, sounded distracted in his first song and, in his bid to project over the richly scored orchestra, his became an emphatic, correct delivery. The soprano Julio Varady was not best cast as his young lover, Tove, as she too strained at times to be heard. It was only when Ann Murray began the Wood Dove's song, her voice emerging, glistening, from out of the bassoon and clarinet chords, that we entered the dreamworld.

Throughout the first half the real emotional energy came from the orchestra, as conductor Andrew Davis paced the performance with expert fluency. In the second half, when Waldemar rails against God for Tove's death, we leave the world of catastrophic love and enter the wasteland of the doomed king. Here the orchestra awoke from its swooned sensuality, and dazzled in the crisper world of atonality and colourful chamber combinations. One could almost feel a cool draught of change as the glassy wind chords heralded *The wild hunt of the summer wind*. Fischer-Dieskau electrified the exhortation, turning the German language itself into music of eloquence and beauty.

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Three's a crowd pleaser

Matt Wolf meets veteran director Anthony Page as he rebuilds a winning West End stage team

When *A Delicate Balance* opens next week at the Haymarket, it will reunite a West End triumvirate — actress Maggie Smith, playwright Edward Albee and director Anthony Page — who are the combination of any producer's dreams (in this case, the canny impresario is Robert Fox).

In 1994 the three teamed up for the London premiere of Albee's Pulitzer Prize-winning *Three Tall Women* in a staging so successful that, unusually, it was brought back for an encore. This time they join forces for an earlier Pulitzer Prizewinner from the American master, who watched his *A Delicate Balance* stampede audiences and critics in a separate Broadway revival last season that cast Elaine Stritch in Smith's role.

As a director Page is no stranger to kudos. His *Middlemarch* for the BBC got across-the-board raves. Further back, one can point to his achievement directing Roger Corman's lone art movie, *I Never Promised You A Rose Garden*. In June he beat Sir Richard Eyre and John Caird to win the Tony Award for best director for his production of *A Doll's House*. This London export not only introduced Janet McTeer to American audiences, but rethought a potentially fusty Ibsen period piece as an immediate *cri de coeur* from a couple as sexy and volatile as they were ill-matched.

Page, 52, has homes in both Notting Hill and Manhattan. His current wave of acclaim (a National Theatre *Absolute Hell* with Judi Dench included) follows a period of some 15 years when he worked largely in America doing film and TV, not all of it distinguished. Now he has returned to the theatre, which he describes as his first and lasting pleasure.

"I think I feel more at home in the theatre," Page says, sitting in his London flat between weeks in Bath and Cardiff to monitor *A Delicate Balance* on the road. "You're not dealing with a great many other people; it's a much more concentrated group. I like the way things can develop, too: you make a mistake, and you move forward."

It helps when your colleagues are Dench, McTeer or Smith, not to mention Smith's co-star in the play, Eileen Atkins, who plays the coolly self-possessed sister, Agnes, to Smith's alcoholic wit, Claire. Over time — one thinks of Page's early stage work with the late Jill Bennett, and of Vanessa Redgrave as the transsexual tennis player Renee Richards in Page's TV film, *Second Serve* — the director has repeatedly distinguished himself in the company of strong actresses.

"I can't say that it's always very easy," Page says. "But I think women, particularly as they get older, are easier to direct than men. Men don't want to be directed so much, whereas women are more anxious to explore and to find out and to jump into the dark."

> ‘Women as they get older are easier to direct than men’

Page compares McTeer to the generation of "raw, electrifying" American talent that included Oscar-winner Geraldine Page (no relation), whose golden age of American stage acting the director was in New York to see. Of Smith he has only the highest praise: "She's like a blowtorch, her mind, in trying to get to the reality of something: how to give it comic edge and energy. She's just got an amazing theatrical imagination: I don't think she's interested in mannerism at all; she wants to be totally convincing."

Does *A Delicate Balance* demand greater intelligence from the actors, not least because of an ornate rhetoric — its opening soliloquy, for instance — that could be offputting to performer and audience alike? "Not intellectual intelligence but emotional intelligence," Page says of the play, a putative drawing-room comedy that remains perhaps Albee's most harrowing peer into the abyss.

"The play needs a lot of truth so that it doesn't sound mannered. It's very peculiar, very meticulous writing, and very difficult to learn; it's not at all how people speak. The challenge is to make it seem spontaneous."

Born in Bangalore in southern India into a military family and then educated at Oxford, Page trained at the Neighbourhood Playhouse in New York. He accepted Tony Richardson's invitation to assist at the Royal Court, and ended up running that theatre for much of the Sixties, either alone or with William Gaskill and Lindsay Anderson. There he developed a similar association with John Osborne over six or seven plays that he has so far enjoyed with Albee over two. Indeed, he applied again to run the Court in 1992, the year that Stephen Daldry was given the post: "I thought I could go back and do it very well now, because I know how to stand back and be much more objective, much more protective and nourishing of people."

The Albee connection, meanwhile, almost didn't happen. Though "absolutely knocked out" by *Three Tall Women* off Broadway, Page watched as the London production was turned over to his friend Karel Reisz. Two weeks into rehearsal, Reisz and the play parted company, leaving Page free to answer the producers' rescue call. "They needed an emergency doctor, and we simply started again."

Looking ahead, Page is discussing a possible Gorky revival at the National, as well as an American-backed film of *A Doll's House* to star McTeer. "A lot of young directors say 'Why or how are you still working?' I feel as long as you can keep the energy and enthusiasm, you do get better because you know more. I've done an awful lot of work to pay mortgages; now it's a great luxury to work for the love of it."

● A Delicate Balance *is in preview and opens at the Haymarket (0171-930 8800) next Tuesday*

ANDRE CAMARA

Love match: "I've done a lot of work to pay mortgages," says Anthony Page, in London to direct Maggie Smith in an Edward Albee play. "Now it's a great luxury to work for the love of it"

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Rising stars in the arts firmament

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Profession: Tenor.

First-time lucky: He is collecting excellent notices for his professional debut in the title role of Franz Lehár's comedy of mistaken identity, *The Count of Luxembourg*. The D'Oyly Carte Opera Company production is in Sheffield this week, with another eight stops remaining on a tour of England that runs until mid-December.

How long since he gave up the day job? Just a few months. Winning the Towyn Roberts scholarship at last year's National Eisteddfod of Wales brought him plenty of one-off recitals, but before the Count he was combining those engagements with supply teaching at primary schools in Swansea, where his wife, Swan, is a university lecturer in Welsh. "I had sent D'Oyly Carte my CV two years ago but the invitation to audition came completely out of the blue."

Vocal genes? His mother was a keen member of the local amateur operatic society and his father, a pharmaceuticals salesman, ran a mixed choir near the family home in Gwent. "I was singing in Welsh and English from a very early age."

Pass master: He could easily have ended up performing at Cardiff Arms Park instead of the Sheffield Lyceum. "I played outside half for the Welsh Under-15 rugby team in wins over Scotland and Italy in 1982. But I was already determined to become a professional singer and, the following season, took my music tutor's advice to give up rugby."

Who has helped him to develop his voice? Half a dozen "marvellous" tutors, most recently the Welsh tenor, Dennis O'Neill. "His advice is for me to get out there, play parts, make mistakes and be shrewd enough to learn from them."

Does he feel part of a Welsh operatic tradition? "The great Welsh singers, like Geraint Evans and Ryland Davies, have always performed with *hwyl* — real passion — and that's what I'm trying to do. It's taken me a long time to get where I am now and I don't want to be around for just five minutes."

DANIEL ROSENTHAL

Back to school with a vengeance

Snake in the Grass
Old Vic

It is difficult to review a play by a writer who has died recently and prematurely, especially when it comes with as fine a testimonial as Dominic Dromgoole has contributed to the Vic programme. There is no doubt that Roy MacGregor, author of *Our Own Kind* and *Phoenix*, was talented and promising. Nor can anybody question his "large-heartedness and magnanimity". But his last play, *Snake in the Grass*, is not just weak on "polish and finesse", as Dromgoole suggests. Only occasionally does it rise to the challenge of a subject that is at once topical, fashionable and painful.

What is this? The deliberately bland first scene, in which John Normington's earnest, high-minded Edward Sliddon prepares to conduct a small-town choir in a performance of Haydn's *Creation*, gives no hint. Nor does the second, in which Kevin Whately's coarse, greasy Ray Lucas toils away in a local garage. Even when the roughneck and ex-con interrupts a meeting at which the musician and schoolmaster is being honoured by his fellow citizens, the vital information is tantalisingly withheld. Only after just about everyone in the audience must have twigged the truth does MacGregor come out with it.

Ray has returned from a long stretch in prison for GBH to accuse his old teacher of abusing him years before. He was a boy from a sink housing estate with a gift for music which Edward encouraged, only to betray him; or so he proceeds to claim. But is Ray to be believed or is he, as the respectable citizens of Hazlitt Heath prefer to believe, a lunatic thug and crazed stalker whom the police must run out of town?

The more-or-less definitive answer to this, which comes right at the end, is neither unexpected nor very well handled. But that need not matter. Again, MacGregor tends to caricature local nobs who say things like (Greg Hicks's arrogant doctor) "I pine for the day when the lower orders knew their place and kept within it". But neither this nor the sometimes clunky dialogue would be hugely important if we saw a bit further into the hearts of his two principals.

Normington is a wonderfully sensitive actor, but the play gives him scant opportunity to suggest that there is anything in his psyche but the blithe serenity allegedly felt by the music-loving apparatchiks at Auschwitz. Whately fares better, and does successfully suggest a wounded, embittered soul; but more sporadically than one might wish. The final impression left by MacGregor's text and Dromgoole's production is, yes, of magnanimity and compassion, at least for Ray. It is still hard to see the play as much more than a compassionate, magnanimous melodrama.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

A story made exceedingly good

My Boy Jack
Hampstead

Rudyard Kipling is a buttonholing writer, the sort who clutches the reader's lapel and fastens his fingers there with Lots of Capital Letters and jovial tricks, O Best Beloved, and treats us as if we are just about to be tucked up in bed but can listen to one last story. A good story, usually.

His own life makes a good story too, though he could not have written more than a corner of it himself, and the part where his son Jack dies in the trenches he was only able to convey in poetry. This is the part that David Haig tells, in his first stage play, and a most accomplished job he has made of Kipling's determined efforts to turn his schoolboy son into a soldier. Haig plays Kipling, and though the moustache and round glasses contribute greatly to the personation it is the credible mixture of desiccation and passion, blind patriot and blinkered papa, which Haig brings to the role that turns him into Kipling before our eyes.

Young Jack (John Little) is so myopic that he cannot read letters four inches high from more than a yard away. Turned down four times by the Army he allows his father to pull strings with powerful friends and at last leaves home. For it is to get away from his over-concerned and encircling father that he acquiesces in the propaganda that today sounds truly sickening, that it is the glorious duty of the young to sacrifice their lives for the Empire.

Most of the play's first half takes place in Kipling's study but then, unexpectedly in this theatre, Michael Taylor's set, its furniture and Persian rugs, is trucked back, and up from the forestage rises the wall of a trench with mud and soggy sandbags and continual rain. Second Lieutenant Kipling is forever having to wipe the raindrops off his specs, and though one cannot suppose he would have lasted much longer with the best sight in the world, his father's contribution to his death is clear.

Haig develops the story in scenes of considerable power, with tension building as we wait to hear Jack's clearer-minded sister (good performance from Sarah Howe) tell unpalatable truths to her father, and for Mrs Kipling (Belinda Lang, also good) to reach the limit of her terror and rage. Haig's feeling for period is admirable, and John Dove's direction makes the scene with the sullen, panicky, infuriated soldiers utterly convincing.

The scene when the parents at last stop hoping they might see their son again is written not only with an understanding of grief but also of how to dramatise it, and make the result convey the character of their married life.

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Susan MacDonald on the organisations set up for secretaries to improve their technological knowledge and status

How to keep up with the times

Do you regard yourself as a professional? If so — and so you should — are you a member of a professional secretarial body? The more assertive the role of PAs, secretaries and support staff becomes, the more useful it becomes to join an association that will look after your needs.

The idea of such bodies has been around for a long time. The Institute of Qualified Private Secretaries (IQPS), the biggest and most prestigious of the professional bodies, was set up 40 years ago. As secretarial requirements have moved from boss's helper to a self-starting role, so the IQPS, and others, have set out to improve the image of their members and ensure they have access to information and training.

Sonia Vanular, a Briton who worked in France as a secretary before going into management consultancy, felt the need to set up The European Association of Professional Secretaries (EAPS) in 1974, just after Britain joined the then EEC.

Fasttrack, the Association for Professional Secretaries and Support Staff, was set up two years ago to help secretaries to keep abreast of the technological revolution.

To join the IQPS, secretaries must pass an exam which tests skills such as management appreciation and knowledge of business structure. EAPS has representatives in 23 European countries and about 1,800 members who are secretaries to chairmen, directors, senior managers, administrators and decision-makers across Europe.

EAPS aims to raise the profile of the profession, and holds seminars, monthly meetings, social events and an annual conference. These give secretaries across Europe the chance to discuss salaries, conditions, training and business issues.

Its degrees of membership — full, associate, affiliate and honorary — are based on the amount of experience a member has. To qualify for full membership secretaries must have at least three years' experience at decision-making level. Organisations can also join by taking out corporate membership.

The Secretarial Development Network (SDN) is a small but fast-growing network of organisations which perceive the need to develop the secretarial role. Representatives from these organisations range from secretaries, executive secretaries and PAs to personnel and human resources officers and some line managers. As its questionnaires show, it backs secretaries in their quest for improvement and status.

Jane Garrett, Fasttrack's director of membership, believes secretaries must develop and update their work in order to be part of the future. "Secretaries should be taking control of their careers, and this means having the chance to get training and information when needed," she says.

Fasttrack also acts as consultants for organisations who want to reorganise their secretarial area. "Many companies know they have to look to the future but are not sure what they are looking for in a secretary," she says. "For instance, when buying in IT equipment there is often no discussion with secretaries about what they need."

Pamela Callaghan, its press officer, puts it more succinctly. "We are smashing through old-fashioned ideas," she says.

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"Frustratingly," Ms Garrett says, "some secretaries join Fasttrack and then resign because they say they have improved and so don't need us any more. They don't realise that updating must be continuous if they are to keep pace with the opportunities that technology offers."

Peter Toner, who is in charge of Fasttrack's technical side, advises companies on buying IT office equipment and how to make the best use of it.

Fasttrack, set up by Angela Mortimer, the recruitment consultancy, offers information, training and seminars. Members receive a quarterly magazine which spreads its articles over a wide area — from secretarial subjects such as how to get promoted, to general business information such as demystifying the money markets.

Portfolio also gives support. It is a glossy, reference magazine for secretaries. The first issue of this annual handbook was at the end of September, and its editor, Penny Cottee, says that it was created as an addition to *Executive PA*, also published by Hobsons, after she realised there was a need for widespread information and contacts listings for senior secretaries.

"During the downsizing of the early 1990s, many middle managers lost their jobs and PAs found themselves doing their work. Many are running their own programmes and building teams to help them.

"Now secretaries are not just in meetings to take the minutes but are participating as team members," she says. "*Portfolio* aims to give them the help they need." It is also a good read both for business and relaxation.

Perhaps one of the bravest steps in forming a professional body is for secretaries in a large organisation to form their own. Victoria Hampson did just that when she formed Pathway, a network committee to promote the image of more than 100 secretaries and support staff working for the St Helens & Knowsley Hospital Trust on Merseyside.

Seminars, workshops and fitness classes were set up in the lunch hour, and a secretary of the year award is decided by consultants and managers. The network also undertook to provide assessment and support for the secretaries. Although they were wary at first, Ms Hampson says, the bosses now give them full support.

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Costs warning over London firms

Truscott v Truscott
Wraith v Sheffield Forgemasters Ltd

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Auld

[Judgment July 31]

In appropriate circumstances a successful party to litigation in the county court was entitled to recover, on taxation of his costs, the increased costs of instructing a solicitor outside the area of the court in which his case was heard. But the fact that the successful party was a trade union, or insurer, who had adopted the practice of sending all its work to London solicitors was of limited relevance on taxation in an individual case.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by John Michael Truscott against the order of Judge Coltart on January 16, 1996 on taxation of his costs in an action by Beverley Mary Truscott against him in Brighton County Court, whereby the judge had held that the charging rate to be applied to his London solicitor's costs be a provincial rate.

The Court of Appeal also allowed an appeal by Sheffield Forgemasters Ltd against the order of Mr Justice Potter sitting with assessors (*The Times* February 20, 1996; [1996] 1 WLR 617) refusing their application for costs taxed on November 17, 1995 by Deputy District Judge Thompson in a personal injury action brought by Trevor Wraith to be reduced because he had used inappropriately expensive solicitors instructed by his trade union on his behalf.

Miss Elizabeth Gumbel for Mr Truscott; Mr Guy Mansfield, QC, for Mrs Truscott.

Mr Jeremy Morgan for Sheffield Forgemasters; Mr Guy Sankey, QC and Mr Paul Kilcoyne for Mr Wraith.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that the issue was whether the liability of the unsuccessful party ordered to pay costs should be restricted to what a reasonably competent solicitor practising in the area of the court, or in the area where the successful party lived, might have been expected to charge, or whether the successful party should be entitled to recover the sums claimed by the solicitor who was in fact instructed to act on his behalf.

Order 62, rule 12(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court applied to actions in the High Court and county court: see Order 38, rule 1(3) of the County Court Rules.

Rule 12 provided: "(1) On a taxation of costs on the standard basis there shall be allowed a reasonable amount in respect of all costs reasonably incurred and any doubts ... as to whether the costs were reasonably incurred or were reasonable in amount shall be resolved in favour of the paying party."

That rule had been in its present form since 1986 and authorities prior to that date had to be read with due regard to the wording of rules previously in force. What was said in *Smith v Buller* ((1875) LR 19 Eq 473), that the successful party should bear no more than the necessary costs, could not be applied directly to the present rule since it related to a rule which was in significant respects differently worded.

In *R v Dudley Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Power City Stores Ltd* (*The Times* January 18, 1990; (1990) 154 JP 654) the Divisional Court considered section 16(6) and (7) of the Prosecution of Offenders Act 1985.

Lord Justice Woolf said that the effect of the subsections, the wording of which was reminiscent of Order 62, rule 12(1), was to require the taxing officer to carry out a two-stage test.

First he had to consider whether the expenses claimed were properly incurred by the defendant. If so, he had to ask what amount would be reasonably sufficient to compensate the defendant for those costs.

Regulations made under the Act contained precisely similar wording to Order 62, rule 12(1). The court held that the question was whether the applicant acted reasonably in employing leading counsel. If the answer was in the affirmative then the expenses were properly incurred for the purposes of section 16.

Truscott v Truscott

The following were matters which the judge should have regarded as relevant when considering the reasonableness of Mr Truscott's decision to instruct Alison Trent & Co:

1 The importance of the matter to him.
2 The legal and factual complexities.
3 The location of his home.
4 Mr Truscott's possibly well founded dissatisfaction with his original solicitors.
5 The fact that the new solicitors had been recommended to him.
6 The location of the firm, their accessibility to him and their readiness to attend the relevant court; and
7 What, if anything, he might reasonably be expected to know of the fees likely to be charged by them as compared with the fees of other solicitors whom he might reasonably be expected to have considered.

If the judge had considered those matters he would have reached a different conclusion, namely that it was reasonable for Mr Truscott to instruct Alison Trent. There was no issue as to the reasonableness of their charges and once it was accepted that Mr Truscott acted reasonably in instructing that firm it followed that his appeal had to be allowed.

Wraith v Sheffield Forgemasters Ltd

What Mr Justice Potter said in *Wraith* (at p624D) was correct but his Lordship took issue with the way the principle was applied to the facts of the case.

It was reasonable for Mr Wraith to consult his trade union but the trade union knew or ought to have known what sort of legal fees it would have to expend to obtain competent services for Mr Wraith, who lived in Sheffield and had sustained a serious accident there. Once Mr Wraith had consulted his trade union that knowledge had to be imputed to him.

No doubt there were firms of solicitors in Sheffield or Leeds well qualified to do the work and in reality the only reason why the work went to London solicitors was that the union had adopted the practice of sending all its work to those solicitors. That connection was of limited relevance on taxation in an individual case.

None of what his Lordship said was intended to put pressure on trade unions or insurers to change their policy and parcel out work so that different solicitors acted for them in different areas.

But it was the duty of unions and insurers in each individual case to keep down the costs of litigation and that might well mean that if they went to London solicitors who charged London rates for a case which had no obvious connection with London, and which did not require expertise only to be found there, they would, even if successful, recover less than the solicitors had charged.

The appeal would be allowed and the case remitted.

Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Auld agreed.

Solicitors: Alison Trent & Co; Marsh Ferriman & Cheale, Littlehampton.

Nelson & Co, Leeds; Russell Jones & Walker, Bristol.

Each party needs a home when children involved

M v B (Ancillary proceedings: Lump sum)

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Hutchison and Lord Justice Thorpe

[Judgment October 2]

It was a paramount consideration, particularly where children were involved, when granting financial relief as laid down in section 25 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, as substituted by section 3 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984, to endeavour to stretch the capital sums available so as to cover the needs of each of the parties for a home of his or her own.

The Court of Appeal so stated on October 2 when allowing a father's appeal in ancillary relief proceedings by varying an order made by Mr Justice Johnson in November 1996 to the extent of increasing the amount of a lump sum award from £40,000 to £77,500.

Miss Christina Morris who did not appear below, for the husband; Miss Ann Hussey for the wife.

LORD JUSTICE THORPE said that it was one of the paramount considerations in applying the section 25 criteria to endeavour to stretch what was available to cover the need of each for a home, particularly where there were young children involved.

Obviously the primary care needed whatever was available to make a main home for the children, but it was of importance, albeit of lesser importance, that the other parent should have a home of his own where the children could enjoy their contact time with him.

In any case where there was, by stretch and a degree of risk-taking, the possibility of a division to enable both to rehouse themselves, that was an exceptionally important consideration and one which would almost invariably have a decisive impact on the outcome.

Here the judge had the opportunity to make a division which would just about enable each to rehouse. It might require some sacrifice on the part of the wife's family and some burden of future mortgage.

On the husband's side it would entail taking advantage of his ability to defer the Law Society's legal aid charge in respect of his costs. But those were the sort of methods to which the court regularly had to have recourse in those cases where the money was only just enough. This was just such a case.

Solicitors: Abrahams Dresden; May May & Merrimans.

Providing background of offenders

Practice Direction (Crime: Antecedents)

New arrangements for the provision of information of antecedents of offenders following the introduction of computerised information from the Police National Computer were to apply forthwith.

Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, so stated when sitting in the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, with Mr Justice Potts and Mr Justice Butterfield on October 9.

Examples of the new standard formats to be used could be obtained from Room W06, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL; Telephone 0171-936 6751.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE stated:

Standard for the provision of information of antecedents in the crown court and magistrates courts

1 The procedures had been agreed by the senior judiciary, Lord Chancellor's Department, Magistrates' Association, Justices' Clerks Society, Crown Prosecution Service and the Association of Chief Police Officers, and would assist the prosecution in presenting antecedents to both the crown court and the magistrates' courts. They replaced those attached to *Practice Direction (Crime: Antecedents)* ([1993] 1 WLR 1459).

They allowed for the provision of information of antecedents in respect of previous convictions and cautions to be provided by the police directly from the Police National Computer (PNC). The procedures set the standard as to the level of information to be provided.

2 In the crown court, the police would provide brief details of the circumstances of the last three similar convictions, and/or of convictions likely to be of interest to the court, the latter being judged on a case by case basis. That information should be provided separately and attached to the antecedents.

3 Where the current alleged offence was within the term of an existing community order, for example, probation order, and it was known that that order was still in force then, so far as the crown court was concerned, to enable the court to consider the possibility of revoking that order, details of the circumstances of the offence leading to the community order should be included in the antecedents.

4 Preparation of antecedents and standard formats: magistrates' courts and crown court

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In addition in the crown court

Circumstances of last three similar convictions: Circumstances of offence leading to community order still in force: Form MG(c). The detail should be brief and include the date of the offence.

5 Provision of antecedents to the court and parties: crown court

The crown court antecedents would be prepared by the police immediately following committal proceedings, including committals for sentence, transfers under section 4 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987 or section 53 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, or on receipt of a notice of appeal, excluding non-imprisonable motoring offences.

Seven copies of the antecedents would be prepared in respect of each defendant. Two copies were to be provided to the CPS direct, the remaining five to be sent to the crown court. The court would send one copy to the defence and one to the Probation Service. The remaining copies were for the court's use. Where following conviction a custodial order was made one copy was to be attached to the order sent to the prison.

The antecedents had to be provided as above, within 21 days of committal or transfer in each case. Any points arising from them were to be raised with the police by the defence solicitor as soon as possible and, where there was time, at least seven days before the hearing date so that the matter could be resolved prior to that hearing.

Seven days before the hearing date, the police would check the record of convictions. Details of any additional convictions would be provided using the standard format above. Those would be provided as above and attached to the documents already supplied. Details of any additional outstanding cases would also be provided at that stage.

Magistrates' courts

The magistrates' court antecedents would be prepared by the police and submitted to the CPS with the case file.

Five copies of the antecedents would be prepared in respect of each defendant and provided to the CPS who would be responsible for distributing them to others at the sentencing hearing.

Normally two copies would be provided to the court, one to the defence and one to the Probation Service when appropriate. Where following conviction a custodial order was made, one of the court's copies was to be attached to the order sent to the prison.

In instances where antecedents had been provided to the court some time before the hearing the police would, if requested to do so by the CPS, check the record of convictions.

Details of any additional convictions would be provided using the standard format above. Those would be provided as above and attached to the documents already supplied. Details of any additional outstanding cases would also be provided at that stage.

6 The above arrangements whereby the police provided the antecedents to the CPS for passing on to others would apply unless there was a local agreement between the CPS and the court altering that.

Downhill occupier has duty to uphill neighbour

Holbeck Hall Hotel Ltd and Another v Scarborough Borough Council
Scarborough Borough Council v Geotechnical Engineering (Northern) Ltd

Before Judge Hicks, QC

[Judgment October 2]

A person occupying land downhill from his neighbour owed a duty of care to ensure that that neighbour might suffer no damage because of the downhill occupier's nuisance in allowing the collapse of the land through land slip.

Judge Hicks, QC, sitting on official referee's business, so held in granting the application of Holbeck Hall Hotel Ltd and English Rose Hotels (Yorkshire) Ltd for damages for the breach by Scarborough Borough Council of its duty not to cause a nuisance and to take reasonable steps to prevent the risk that the applicants' property would be destroyed through land slip and in dismissing the council's claim against Geotechnical Engineering (Northern) Ltd for an indemnity against any liability arising in the first action.

The plaintiffs' hotel was uphill from council-owned land which collapsed so that the hotel was destroyed. Geotechnical had provided the council with professional advice on preventing the occurrence of land slip at that site.

Mr Christopher Symons, QC and Mr Paul Reed for the hotels; Mr Paul Darling for the council; Mr Bruce Mauleverer, QC and Mr Alexander Nissen for Geotechnical.

HIS LORDSHIP said that it was the plaintiffs' case that in relation to land slip, an occupier of land had the same duty of care to his uphill neighbour as that established [in relation to a downhill neighbour] by *Leakey and Others v National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty* ([1980] 1 QB 485), that that was a duty which could require the occupier to take positive steps to avert damage to the neighbour and that failure to take such steps could sound in damages.

The plaintiffs did not abandon their claim based on removal of support which had its own distinctive attractions and drawbacks.

In the natural right to support claim there was a recognised right, whereas the existence of the *Leakey* type of duty was contested, and negligence was not necessarily a condition for liability.

The drawback of the removal of support cause of action was that there was no obligation on the servient occupier to take any active steps to maintain support.

It was not suggested that the plaintiffs knew or ought to have known of the potential dangers, so it was not, and could not have been alleged that any potential duty on their part became actual.

The plaintiffs had a valuable hotel on their land, whereas the respondent's land was undeveloped. In each respect, however, the position might have been reversed, as in the second respect it was in *Leakey*.

What was, or should be the overall rule could not depend on such irrelevancies. If both occupiers were aware of the potential danger, if both would have to be involved in any effective steps to avert it, and if one or both would suffer in his enjoyment of possession if it was not averted, how could it be a defensible rule that the uphill occupier was under a duty to act but the downhill occupier not?

It would, in his Lordship's judgment, be a serious blot on any rational system of law to tolerate, and unworkable in practice to attempt to accommodate anomalies of the kind which would follow from a rule which perpetuated a distinction between the duties of uphill and downhill neighbours.

His Lordship found the council negligent and concluded that it was liable to the plaintiffs in nuisance for damages for breach of duty.

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RUGBY UNION

Wasps excited by prospect of Brive encounter

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

CUP DRAWS

HEINEKEN CUP: Quarter-finals: Bath v Cardiff or Llanelli; Pau v Leicester or Glasgow; Toulouse v Harlequins; Wasps v Brive or Pontypridd

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE: Quarter-finals: Stade Français v Gloucester; Colomiers v Montferrand; Newcastle v Castres, Agen v Connacht

☐ *Ties to be played on November 8 and 9*

WASPS, who have been accused of reaching the knockout phase of the Heineken Cup through the easist pool, were yesterday given the perfect opportunity to refute such claims when they were drawn to play either Brive, the holders, or Pontypridd, the Welsh champions, in the quarter-finals of the competition over the weekend of November 8-9.

Indeed, the draw, made in Dublin by Tom Kiernan and Michel Palmié, the Irish and French directors of European Rugby Cup Ltd, was so perfect that one might think a degree of *manipulation* had been used, were not the individuals concerned above reproach. Bath have the chance of a *rematch* with Cardiff, Leicester the opportunity to garner *another win in Pau and* Harlequins must travel to Toulouse, *the 1996 cup winners.*

The match in Toulouse — *the price Harlequins pay for* their defeat by Munster on Sunday *that cost them home* advantage — is the only definite draw so far. The others depend on the three play-off matches over the weekend of November 1-2, when Cardiff meet Llanelli, Leicester entertain Glasgow, and Brive, for the third time this season, play Pontypridd.

It still rankles with Brive *that* events off the pitch — the brawl between players from the two clubs — after their game with Pontypridd deprived them of key players and may have cost them leadership of the pool. Instead, Bath assured themselves of a home quarter-final and the chance to avenge last season's quarter-final defeat in Cardiff.

"It will be a cracking match, whoever survives the play-off," Andy Robinson, Bath's director of rugby, said. "Until leagues dominated English rugby, our fixtures against Cardiff and Llanelli were the *highlights of the season.* Such games are steeped in tradition *and competing* against Welsh clubs helped turn people like *me and Nigel Redman into* competitive rugby players."

If Wasps do not attract the biggest crowd of their tenancy at Loftus Road for their quarter-final, it will be a surprise. "The possibility of a home tie with a French side is very exciting," Nigel Melville, Wasps's director of rugby, said. "This is not only from a commercial viewpoint, but because they are the European champions, a club who travelled further than most in the first year of professionalism.

"Pontypridd are capable of beating them but their prob*lem is that they have to play off* in Brive. Whichever way it *goes, it will be a tough tie* for us, but we always perform *well in the big games.* It's the type of test we need going forward."

Melville is convinced that an alluring European quarter-final will not be a distraction for his players in their intervening domestic commitments. "We have a job to do in the Allied Dunbar Premiership and it starts on Sunday, against Saracens," he said. "We take the view that the next game is always the most important one."

Leicester, should they beat Glasgow, will return to the Stade Hameau in Pau where they won 19-14 in a pool match last season and uncovered Leon Lloyd, a wing who went on to win England Under-21 honours. Pau's home record has been far more convincing than their away form, whereas *Toulouse lost at Les Sept* Deniers to Leicester but took *leadership of their pool by* winning, albeit by a single *point, at Welford Road.*

Newcastle entertain Castres *in the quarter-finals of the* European Conference, which will bring them up against Thomas Castaignède, with whom they were linked earlier this year. Gloucester must travel to Stade Français while Connacht's reward for topping their pool is an awkward visit to Agen.

PHIL NOBLE

Johnston, in reflective mood, watches Thomson, the second seed, go about his work in the match yesterday

Johnston earns Thomson's respect

By David Rhys Jones

THE World Bowls Tour's top-ranked player, Andy Thomson, an outspoken critic of the mixed game, held off a spirited challenge from the world's best *woman bowler, Margaret Johnston, at* Preston Guild Hall yesterday to claim a *place in the second round of the Bupa* Care Homes Open.

Thomson, who has often declared his opposition to women playing in what he considers to be men's championships, met an opponent clearly fired up, one who set her opponent back on his heels by opening the scoring with a full house. Women are supposed be at a disadvantage when aggression is called for but Johnston showed that she was not prepared to conform to stereotype, firing the jack off the rink on the first end.

Visibly shaken, Thomson promptly dropped four shots and looked as if he might have to eat his words. Johnston moved into a 5-2 lead after three ends, *but Thomson raised his game and* allowed her to score on only two more *ends on his way to a 7-5, 7-3 victory.*

It was Johnston's readiness to play the firm shot that was the real eye-opener, suggesting, perhaps, that, under the circumstances, she felt she needed to prove her point by playing "like a man".

Thomson, who admitted that Johnston had pushed him hard, found a good line and length, but his best work was always under threat from a Johnston drive that was accurate and destructive.

Two seeds fell in the session yesterday afternoon, Greg Harlow, ranked No 13, going down to Neil Burkett 5-7, 7-1, 0-7, and Ian Schuback, seeded eighth, slipping up against one of the *new* PBA professionals, Les Gillett.

Burkett, 49, from Cape Town, who skipped the winning four in the Com*monwealth Games* in Victoria in 1994, used to be a tidy bowler of another kind. As a league cricketer in South Africa he once dismissed the Pollock brothers, Graeme and Peter, in the same over.

Gillett, 26, has been sneaking into the Guild Hall to practise on the portable rink before breakfast, something that Schuback himself used to do before he won the world title in 1992, and he played with surprising confidence to beat the Australian 7-3, 7-5.

CRICKET

Bailey loses captaincy after poor displays

By Richard Hobson

ROB BAILEY was dismissed as captain of Northamptonshire last night after just two seasons in charge. The 33-year-old former England batsman succeeded Allan Lamb in 1996, but has now paid the price for the county's *disappointing show* since then.

His replacement is expected to be named *within a month,* but the club has denied that the Australia leg *spinner,* Shane Warne, the club's overseas target for next summer, has been offered the job.

Steve Coverdale, chief executive of Northamptonshire, said yesterday: "Rob has served the club as captain with dedication and determination, but it's felt that this is an appropriate time to make a change and to introduce a new captain with fresh ideas. My personal view is that his replacement is likely to be an internal appointment."

Jason Gallian, the former England opening batsman, will choose between offers from Middlesex and Nottinghamshire as he seeks to resurrect a *promising* career that floundered in his last season at *Lancashire.* He is expected to make a decision at the start *of next month after returning* from holiday in Mexico.

Although *Glamorgan, the* champions, and Hampshire have also expressed an interest, Gallian, 26, is anxious to remain at a Test venue.

Gallian, an Oxford Blue, made the last of his three Test appearances on the 1995-96 tour to South Africa, but lost his county place to Nathan Wood last season when he cut an increasingly disconsolate figure around Old Trafford.

Mark Taylor's future as Australia's one-day captain is in doubt after he was left out of the side to play the Australian Cricket *Academy later this* month. The selectors yesterday *named Steve Waugh* as the new captain with Shane Warne as his deputy.

Taylor's omission follows the recent announcement by the Australian Cricket Board that it would, in future, select separate squads for Test and limited-overs matches.

Bryan Strang broke a team record set by his brother as Zimbabwe beat Bangladesh by 192 runs in the President's Cup match in Nairobi yesterday.

In reply to Zimbabwe's total of 284, Bangladesh were dis*missed for 92 in 32.3 overs,* with Strang, bowling at medium pace, taking six of the wickets at a cost of 20 runs.

Paul Strang's return of five for 21 against Kenya in the World Cup last year was the previous best bowling by a Zimbabwe player in one-day internationals.

Patterson awaits judgment

By Kevin Ferrie

DERRICK PATTERSON, *the* international scrum half, will *find out this morning which* side he must play for in Scotland's *district* championship, two days before the competition begins.

A meeting took place at Murrayfield last night to decide whether, when Edinburgh face Caledonia Reds next week, he will be playing against the side that he played for in European competition this year in the tournament that decides which Scottish sides enter the Heineken Cup next season.

Patterson, capped twice by Scotland, *played for* Caledonia throughout their Heineken Cup campaign. However, Patterson, who was originally *registered* by Edinburgh, switched sides under the Scottish *Rugby Union's* (SRU) new draft system, being an employee of the Union.

Caledonia expected that *they would have his services* for the season, but Edinburgh *declared that they want him* back for the district championship. "*The situation was to be* reviewed after the European pool matches," Nick Oswald, the Caledonia chief executive, said. "However, our scrum half problems have not changed since then."

By contrast, Patterson would return to Edinburgh to compete with Graeme Burns and Graham Beveridge, his Scotland A squad colleagues, although the latter is not at present playing because of injury. Edinburgh had an*nounced that Patterson would* be training with them yesterday, yet *instead* he *trained* with Caledonia at Perth and *Oswald* questioned whether another switch would be in the player's best interests.

"Obviously there is self-interest on the part of both districts, but Derrick is stuck *in the middle. However, it is* playing in Europe with us that *helped him back into the* Scotland A squad," he added.

The Murrayfield meeting saw both districts represented with Jim Telfer, the national director of rugby, in the chair, but no decision was being announced until the player had been officially informed.

☐ The SRU announced yesterday that, as part of its club accreditation scheme, club rugby in Scotland will benefit financially by £2.15 million — a 95 per cent rise on last year. This investment comes as something of a reward for *raising the standards of rugby* at the lower levels of the game.

The scheme is designed to provide incentives for clubs that wish to extend their facilities in the professional era. Dougie Arneil, the SRU technical administrator, who will oversee how the money is channelled, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for rugby to broaden its base, because we need to build greater strength in depth at club level."

SWIMMING

East German coaches face drug charges

FOUR swimming coaches to the former East Germany team, including the man who groomed Franziska van Almsick, the world's wealthiest swimmer, to four Olympic medals at the age of 13, were charged yesterday with causing bodily harm by administering anabolic steroids to 17 teenage girls between 1974 and 1989 (Craig Lord writes).

The charges are the first to *result from a criminal investi*gation in Berlin into steroid *use in East* German *sports.* It is alleged that the coaches were aware that the steroids could have harmful side-effects but had not told the swimmers, or their parents, what they were being given. The swimmers all suffered "considerable disturbance of muscle growth" and, in several cases, pain and changes such as a deeper voice or excessive body hair, according to Berlin prosecutors.

One of the coaches charged is Dieter Lindemann, mentor to Van Almsick, who won four medals at the Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992 when she was 13.

Lindemann — who still coaches Van Almsick's boyfriend, Steffen Zesner, a former European freestyle champion — and one of the others charged, Volker Frischke, were hired by the *Germany team after unifica*tion, but were suspended recently because of the investigation.

Lindemann, 46, faces four counts of causing bodily harm. Frischke, 53, coach of Kerstin Kielgass, the European 800 metres freestyle champion, faces eight counts.

The other two charged are Rolf Glaeser, 57, and Dieter Krause, 50, who is no longer coaching.

The four face up to three years in prison if convicted.

SAILING

Cayard stretches clear on favourable wind

PAUL CAYARD, on *EF Language,* is beginning to build a significant lead over his nearest pursuer in the Whitbread Round the World Race (Edward Gorman writes). After beating in towards the island of Trindade and then drifting in calms after rounding it, the leaders are now enjoying downwind *conditions for the first time in* more than a week.

Cayard, *who is showing* a mastery of the Whitbread 60 in *all* conditions that will worry his pursuers, made the best of the new breeze, as the wind backed to north-northwest, to move 35 miles ahead of *Merit Cup.*

During a six-hour period yesterday morning, Cayard averaged nearly 14 knots while *Innovation Kvaerner* in third, 60 miles to the north, managed just under 13 and *Merit Cup,* in between the two, averaged 11.

Farther down the fleet, Lawrie Smith, on *Silk Cut,* is now on his own in fourth place, though he is 183 miles off the pace. Mark Fischer, on *Chessie Racing,* who had been snapping at Smith's heels, has slipped back and is 55 miles astern of the British boat.

The closest battle is that between *Toshiba* (Chris Dickson) and *America's Challenge* (Ross Field), who were *in sight of each other* yesterday, only a mile or so apart, in six and seventh places respectively.

In the Transat Jacques Vabre, Pete Goss and Raphael Dinelli, on *BMW Performance,* are still third in the monohull division after four days at sea.

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Additional copies of the Environmental Statement may be obtained, whilst stocks last at a cost of £50.00 per copy including postage from:-
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Those wishing to make objections to the application should write to the Secretary of State for Trade & Industry, Electricity Directorate, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET stating the name of the proposed Power Station and grounds for the objection not later than 24th November, 1997. It is requested that a copy of such objection is sent to Mr. Dennis J. Volter, Canatxx Energy Ventures Limited, Hillhouse International, Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire FY5 4QD.

LEGAL NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE FINAL MEETINGS
PERHAM SECURITIES LIMITED
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Company Number: 921368

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the final meeting of the shareholders of the above company will be held at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on Tuesday 18 November 1997 at 10.00 am to be followed at 10.15 am by the final meeting of creditors.

The purpose of the meetings, which are called under the provisions of Section 106 of the Insolvency Act 1986, is to receive a statement showing the outcome of the liquidation and an explanation of it.

The Liquidator gives notice as required by Rules R4.186 and 11.7 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that no further dividend will be paid and that any funds realised have been distributed.

14 October 1997
JGA Phillips
Liquidator
Perham Securities Limited

PHILLIP ALEXANDER SECURITIES AND FUTURES LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATION)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the abovenamed Company will be held on 4 November 1997 at 2.30pm at 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of their debt to the offices of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF not later than 12 noon on 3 November 1997. For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge before the meeting a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed. Notice is further given that a list of names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.

By Order of the Board,
L A Manning, Joint Administrator

RADCO PROPERTIES LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mason of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Radco Properties Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on 9 October 1997.

Dated this 9th day of October 1997
D J MASON, Liquidator

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INDOPALM LIMITED
[illegible] LIMITED
(ALL IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: On 7 October 1997 the above companies were placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman of Arthur Andersen, 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2NT, was appointed Liquidator by the Members.

The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the companies to Martin Fishman, Arthur Andersen, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 7 November 1997. The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 10 November 1997 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 7 November and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. The final return to creditors will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved.

The companies are able to pay all of their known creditors in full.

Date: 9 October 1997
M. Fishman, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
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(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, JJ Schapira, ACA, of Leonard Curtis & Co, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company by the Members and Creditors on 9th October 1997.

J J SCHAPIRA, Liquidator

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EDWARD WHITAKER

Face North, the winner of the Victoria Cup and the Royal Hunt Cup, both at Ascot, exemplified Akehurst's skilful placing of his handicappers

Akehurst applies final touch

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

THE massed ranks of bookmakers, ranging from Ladbrokes to the back-row satchel carriers in every Silver Ring, breathed a collective sigh of relief yesterday after Reg Akehurst announced that he is to retire as a trainer at the end of next month.

The Epsom-based Akehurst, 68, was probably responsible for relieving the betting industry of more money with his carefully executed handicap coups than any trainer in business today. Akehurst once claimed, one suspects tongue in cheek, that he did *not* bet, before adding mischievously, "but the missus enjoys a punt".

"He was the master of the big handicap and his name was always the first bookmakers would look for when pricing up those races," Rob Hartnett, of the Tote, said yesterday. "There was no-one quite like Reg. He could strike fear into bookmakers' hearts."

Akehurst won most of the Flat season's valuable handicaps, from the six-furlong Wokingham with Astrac, to the Ebor, run over 1¾m, with Sarawat. He also landed the Royal Hunt Cup with Face North and Red Robbo, who won the race this year.

The victory of Sarawat at York four years ago underlined Akehurst's remarkable ability to sweeten up a cast-off from another yard. The horse had been tailed off on his previous start at Ayr, but landed an enormous touch first time out for Akehurst.

Similarly, in 1993 he acquired Urgent Request, who landed a huge gamble when winning a valuable handicap at Epsom on his stable debut — before adding a group three race at Haydock.

Akehurst's talents were not confined to the Flat. Victory in the Imperial Cup, Swinton Hurdle and Welsh National made him a successful dual-purpose handler. However, three years after he reached retirement age, the time has arrived to step down and let his son, John, take over.

"I have been thinking about it for some time," he said. "I had lunch with one of my owners at Newbury the other day and when I mentioned it to him he said 'take a tip, don't leave it too long'.

"My son will come into the yard and take over. He trained here when he started and sent out about 20 winners, so he knows the place and Epsom Downs. I have spoken to most of the owners and the majority are going to keep their horses here. It could be a great opportunity for him, but I will still be here as an unpaid assistant."

Unfortunately, the opening up of the Melbourne Cup to horses from the northern hemisphere came too late in Akehurst's career for him to consider a crack at Australia's most famous race, a two-mile handicap run this year on November 4 at Flemington.

However, the desire to emulate the victory of the Dermot Weld-trained Vintage Crop four years ago remains as strong as ever and two British horses, Arabian Story and Harbour Dues, arrived in Melbourne yesterday after a 26-hour flight.

"They have settled into the quarantine complex at Sandown racecourse [on the outskirts of Melbourne] and look fantastic," Les Benton, of the Victoria Racing Club, said. "I have spoken to the grooms of both horses and they said the journey was no problem at all."

Arabian Story, owned by the Queen and trained by Lord Huntingdon, beat the Lady Herries-trained Harbour Dues in a handicap at Epsom in June but the placings were reversed at Klampenborg in August when the pair met in the Scandinavian Open Championship.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MARY MAGDALENE
(3.00 Haydock Park)
Next best: Royal Crown
(4.40 Nottingham)

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Top Jem
2.30 Rainwatch
3.00 First Maite
3.30 Act Defiant
4.00 Adjutant
4.30 Shadiann
5.00 Quiz Master

Timekeeper's top rating: 4.30 SHADIANN.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Poltarf.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 HORNBEAM FILLIES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,648: 1m 2f 120yd) (13 runners)

101	(6)	62123	BOSS LADY 65 (BF,F) (Lord Weinstock) R Charlton 9-7	K Darley	86
102	(5)	4451033	AGONY AUNT 18 (F) (J M-Buchanan) Mrs J Cecil 9-5	Martin Dwyer	82
103	(4)	31	SUNNY ISLE 19 (CD,F) (S Fustok) C Wall 9-4	J Reid	59
104	(11)	0561213	TOP JEM 102 (BF,F,S) (J Malpass) M Ryan 9-4	G Bardwell	[illegible]
105	(7)	2321	KARAKIA 86 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-4	L Dettori	71
106	(9)	33-534	LEADING NOTE 33 (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-3	J Weaver	83
107	(13)	4130063	TOPATORI 26 (F) (M Bowring) M Tompkins 9-0	D Biggs	82
108	(3)	0-4040	SHARKIYAH 36 (H al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-13	M Hills	69
109	(10)	50-0130	COME TOGETHER 27 (D,S) (C Wright) D Arbuthnot 8-10	C Lowther (5)	82
110	(1)	000241	SILVERY 32 (G) (P Wroughton) J Toller 8-9	S Sanders	81
111	(12)	3151420	DIZZY TILLY 66 (BF,G,S) (Mrs S Leech) T Naughton 8-8	D Holland	86
112	(8)	5664910	FALLS O'MONESS 11 (S) (Piquet Opera House Partnership) K Burke 8-3	J F Egan	87
113	(2)	53-3002	UNDERSTUDY 79 (Exors of the late Mr J E Bigg) R Hollinshead 8-0	J Quinn	67

BETTING: 11-4 Karakia, 5-1 Agony Aunt, 7-1 Topatori, 8-1 Sunny Isle, 9-1 Silvery, 10-1 Boss Lady, Leading Note, 12-1 Understudy, 14-1 others.

1996: MEETING ABANDONED AFTER ONE RACE

FORM FOCUS Boss Lady 6l 3rd to Corsita in 1¼m Leicester handicap (good). Agony Aunt 2¾l 3rd to Saafeya in course and distance handicap (good to firm); previously 6¼l 3rd to Aerleon Pete in 1½m Goodwood stakes (good) with Leading Note (same terms) 10l 4th. Sunny Isle beat Beacon Silver 1¼l in course and distance maiden (good to firm). Top Jem 6¼l 3rd to Capilano Princess in 1¼m Chepstow handicap (good to soft). Karakia beat Good Reputation 7l in 1m 1f Redcar maiden (good to firm). Topatori 1l 3rd to Capilano Princess in 1¼m Ayr handicap (good to soft). Sharkiyah 16l 10th to Dancesway in 7f Lingfield maiden stakes (good). Come Together 10l 12th to Arriving in 1¼m Newbury handicap (good to firm). Silvery beat Tough Act neck in 1¼m Goodwood maiden (good). Dizzy Tilly 14l 9th to Righty Ho in 1¼m Epsom ladies' handicap (good). Falls O'Moness 14l 10th to Oneforthedtich in 1¼m Nottingham stakes (good to firm). Understudy 7l 2nd to Dantesque in 1¼m Newcastle maiden (good).

KARAKIA, lightly raced, has more scope for improvement than most of her rivals

2.30 NEWTON INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,751: 1m 3f 200yd) (7 runners)

201	(6)	310-000	BEND WAVY 7 (F) (A McDonald) T Caldwell 5-9-2	J Carroll	–
202	(7)	011-350	MEDAILLE MILITAIRE 75 (D,F,G,S) (J Hartnell) M Pipe 5-9-2	K Darley	101
203	(5)	3620-32	POLTARF 19 (C,D,F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 6-9-2	L Dettori	98
204	(2)	400-205	STAR SELECTION 25 (S) (R Mitchell) J Mackie 6-9-2	J Quinn	90
205	(1)	1134-60	BESIEGE 32 (C,F,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-9	W Ryan	–
206	(3)	2511065	RAINWATCH 25 (D,G,S) (Hesmonds Stud) J Dunlop 3-8-9	J Reid	92
207	(4)	0040000	STATE-FAIR 27 (F) (R Richards) B Hills 3-8-9	M Hills	[illegible]

BETTING: 6-4 Poltarf, 7-2 Besiege, 5-1 Rainwatch, 7-1 Medaille Militaire, 10-1 Star Selection, 16-1 State Fair, 33-1 Bend Wavy.

FORM FOCUS Bend Wavy 27l 10th to McGillycuddy Reeks in 1¼m York handicap (good). Medaille Militaire 50l last of 7 to Bahamian Sunshine in 1½m Goodwood handicap (good to firm). Poltarf short head 2nd to The Faraway Tree in 1¾m stakes race here (good). Star Selection 8¾l 5th to Ghataas in 1¼m Ayr listed race (good to soft). Besiege 24l last of 10 to Silver Patriarch in 1¾m Doncaster St Leger (good to firm). Rainwatch 3¾l 5th to Darapour in 1m 5f Newbury handicap (good to firm). State Fair 13l 7th to Jiyush in 2m Newbury handicap (good to firm).

RAINWATCH, well suited by soft ground, could offer some value against the principals

3.00 MAPLE HANDICAP
(£3,875: 6f) (24 runners)

301	(11)	2322310	MONTENDRE 23 (D,F,G,S) (D Mort) M Heaton-Ellis 10-9-13	S Sanders	84
302	(9)	0213500	BENZOE 17 (D,F,G,S) (T Fawcett) Mrs J Ramsden 7-9-12	M Tebbutt	82
303	(20)	0040004	RUSHCUTTER BAY 17 (F,G) (Treasure Seekers) P Gilligan 4-9-11	N Adams	73
304	(10)	/22-520	SPANIARDS CLOSE 15 (D,G,S) (Avon Industries Ltd) P Makin 9-9-11	D Holland	59
305	(23)	2-531	DARK MILE 11 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-11	L Dettori	62
306	(7)	0005000	SAMWAR 7 (V,D,G) (Maygain Ltd) M Channon 5-9-10	J Carroll	72
307	(1)	1456006	FIRST MAITE 15 (B,D,G,S) (S Bowring) S Bowring 4-9-9	C Teague (3)	71
308	(5)	13-200	ALUMISIYAH 89 (F) (H al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-9-9	M Hills	48
309	(16)	0000-00	DOVEBRACE 17 (C,D,F,G) (D Jones) T Barron 4-9-8	W Ryan	55
310	(3)	1213036	ALWAYS ALIGHT 25 (D,F,S) (M Naimes-Crocker) K Burke 3-9-8	Martin Dwyer	83
311	(6)	-380016	SAMSUNG SPIRIT 44 (D,G,S) (T Scothern) E Weymes 3-9-7	J Fanning	68
312	(14)	2003106	NATURAL KEY 16 (D,F,S) (H O'Donnell) D Haydn Jones 4-9-7	A Mackay	77
313	(2)	-060540	BAJAN ROSE 106 (D,F,G,S) (C McKenna) M Blanshard 5-9-7	K Darley	84
314	(8)	-403521	BEYOND CALCULATION 8 (D,F) (Abacus) P Harris 3-9-7 (6ex)	C Lowther (5)	79
315	(24)	0-13200	MARY MAGDALENE 24 (S) (Lord Lloyd-Webber) M Bell 3-9-5	M Fenton	78
316	(22)	4300200	CAUTION 11 (D,F) (I & Mrs I Thomas) S Gollings 3-9-4	T Williams	78
317	(18)	0308066	SWINO 11 (F) (Swinnerton Transport Ltd) P Evans 3-9-3	J F Egan	79
318	(17)	22-3403	NINEACRES 41 (V,F) (Mrs P Wallis) N Babbage 6-9-3	J Reid	79
319	(12)	0400000	GARNOCK VALLEY 15 (B,CD,F,G,S) (R Aird) J Berry 7-9-0	J Weaver	72
320	(19)	5-35400	FAYIK 28 (C Bradbury) A Newcombe 3-9-0	G Hind	80
321	(21)	6300500	BEE HEALTH BOY 7 (B,CD,F,S) M W Easterby 4-8-13	G Parkin (3)	77
322	(15)	5411000	RUM LAD 11 (D,F,S) (B Shaw) J J Quinn 3-8-13	J Quinn	78
323	(13)	4166006	CORNICHE QUEST 17 (D,F,G,S) (M Bishop) M Channon 4-8-12	A Eddery (7)	[illegible]
324	(4)	3-644	SPEEDBOAT 19 (M Gleeson) J Eyre 3-8-12	O Pears	64

BETTING: 5-1 Dark Mile, 8-1 Montendre, Mary Magdalene, 10-1 Beyond Calculation, 12-1 Rushcutter Bay, Caution, 14-1 Benzoe, Alumisiyah, Samsung Spirit, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS Montendre 8¾l 8th to Distinctive Dream in 6f Kempton handicap (good to firm). Rushcutter Bay ½l 4th to Stand Tall in 6f Nottingham handicap (good) with Corniche Quest (3lb better off) 2¾l 6th, Benzoe (2lb better off) 2l 11th and Dovebrace (6lb better off) 17th. Dark Mile beat Nobalino 4l in 6f Nottingham maiden (good to firm). Samwar 5¾l 10th to Canovas Heart in 5f York handicap (good) with Bee Health Boy (same terms) 18th. First Maite 5¾l 6th to State Of Caution in 5f Wolverhampton handicap (AW) with Garnock Valley (4lb better off) 7¾l 8th and Spaniards Close (same terms) last. Alumisiyah 11l 9th to Danetime in 6f Newmarket handicap (good). Always Alight 3¾l 6th to Perryston View in 6f Ayr handicap (good to soft) with Benzoe (2lb better off) 8¾l 15th and Samwar (6lb better off) 27th. Samsung Spirit 12l 6th to March Crusader in 6f Hamilton handicap (good to soft). Natural Key 4¼l 6th to Brave Edge in 6f Hamilton conditions stakes (good). Beyond Calculation beat Listed Account 1¾l in 6f Redcar maiden (good to firm). Mary Magdalene 5¾l 7th to Prends Ca in course and distance handicap (good) with Dovebrace (5lb better off) last. Nineacres 5½l 3rd to Lord High Admiral in 5f Salisbury handicap (good to soft) with Corniche Quest (2lb better off) 9l 7th.

BEE HEALTH BOY, who runs well here, is a tentative choice in a tricky handicap

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .. B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

3.30 CHESTNUT CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,870: 1m 30yd) (4 runners)

401	(4)	51	ALBERICH 53 (D,F) (J Abell) M Johnston 9-1	D Holland	73
402	(2)	5421	CLOSE UP 20 (D,F) (I Cameron) J Dunlop 9-1	K Darley	89
403	(1)	1	GIVEAWAY 17 (D,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-1	W Ryan	[illegible]
404	(3)	5	ACT DEFIANT 10 (E J Hudson Jnr & W S Kilroy) P Cole 8-11	L Dettori	83

BETTING: 8-11 Giveaway, 9-4 Close Up, 6-1 Alberich, 16-1 Act Defiant.

FORM FOCUS Alberich beat Indimaaj 1½l in 1m Beverley maiden (good to firm). Close Up beat Free Option 2½l in 1m Pontefract maiden stakes (good to firm). Giveaway beat Mawsoof short head in 1m Nottingham maiden (good). Act Defiant 6l 5th to Benin in 7f Leicester maiden (good to firm).

GIVEAWAY can remain unbeaten in an interesting race

4.00 E B F HAWTHORN MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,810: 7f 30yd) (13 runners)

501	(8)	33	ADJUTANT 40 (J Good) B Meehan 9-0	M Tebbutt	90
502	(12)		BREAKIN EVEN (Mrs F Campbell) J Eyre 9-0	R Lappin	–
503	(5)	0	CORPUS CHRISTI 14 (J Godfrey) M Johnston 9-0	J Weaver	48
504	(9)	322	DARK MOONDANCER 29 (BF) (A Gillespie) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	J Reid	[illegible]
505	(1)		KING PRIAM (Miss V Jarvis) W Jarvis 9-0	J Quinn	–
506	(11)		LOVE KISS (M Doyle) M Johnston 9-0	D Holland	–
507	(7)		PADDY DEUX (Mrs T Cross) V Soane 9-0	G Hind	–
508	(6)		PASS THE REST (J Roundtree) J Eyre 9-0	T Williams	–
509	(2)		POLSKA MODELLE (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	L Dettori	–
510	(3)	44	RAINBOW HIGH 82 (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	95
511	(10)	64	AKARITA 28 (Baroche Stud Ltd) B McMahon 8-9	S Sanders	72
512	(4)	0	BAY OF DELIGHT 77 (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 8-9	W Ryan	72
513	(13)	04	STONE BECK 14 (Mr & Mrs J Davenport) J Jefferson 8-9	J Carroll	74

BETTING: 11-10 Dark Moondancer, 7-2 Polska Modelle, 8-1 Adjutant, 10-1 Love Kiss, Rainbow High, 14-1 Corpus Christi, 16-1 Akarita, 25-1 others.

FORM FOCUS Adjutant 4¼l 3rd to Bullion in 1m Haydock maiden auction stakes (good to soft). Corpus Christi 6¾l 9th to Shamwari Song in 7f Newcastle maiden auction stakes (good to firm). Dark Moondancer 5l 2nd to Abreeze in 7f Sandown maiden stakes (good). Rainbow High 11l 4th to Sefteen 7f Ascot maiden stakes (good to firm). Akarita 9¼l 4th to Alborada in 7f 100yd Beverley fillies maiden stakes (good to firm) with Stone Beck (same terms) 11l 7th. Bay Of Delight 12l 13th to Opera King in 7f Doncaster maiden stakes (good). Stone Beck 3¼l 4th to Kahtan in 1m Newcastle maiden stakes (good to firm).

DARK MOONDANCER should be able to win a race of this nature

4.30 HOLLY MAIDEN STAKES (£3,696: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

601	(5)	55/	AMONG ISLANDS 842 (R Hughes) R Lee 6-9-0	O Pears	–
602	(9)	50	SOSTENUTO 21 (Mrs B Woodward) R Hollinshead 4-9-0	D Griffiths (3)	–
603	(10)	2-64	FLOWING FORTUNE 10 (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 3-8-12	J Reid	42
604	(6)	6	JOB RAGE 9 (Sandybrow Stables Ltd) A Bailey 3-8-12	D Wright	–
605	(4)	2	REGGIE BUCK 182 (L Pipe) R O'Sullivan 3-8-12	S Sanders	79
606	(2)	452	SABADILLA 23 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-12	L Dettori	64
607	(3)	032	SHADIANN 42 (H R H Aga Khan) L Cumani 3-8-12	J Weaver	[illegible]
608	(1)	05	TABORITE 19 (Wetherby Racing Bureau 32) E Alston 3-8-12	J F Egan	47
609	(8)	3	MESSINA 29 (Marchos Family) R Charlton 3-8-7	K Darley	82
610	(7)	00	PRIMA 144 (White Bear Ltd) R Phillips 3-8-7	M Tebbutt	–

BETTING: 11-4 Sabadilla, Shadiann, 7-2 Reggie Buck, Messina, 8-1 Flowing Fortune, 25-1 Job Rage, Taborite, 50-1 others.

FORM FOCUS Flowing Fortune 12l 4th to Recourse in 1m 2f Leicester maiden stakes (good to firm). Job Rage 16l 6th to Tonight's Prize in 1m Pontefract maiden stakes (good to firm). Reggie Buck 3l 2nd to Dokos in 1m Newmarket maiden stakes (good). Sabadilla 5l 2nd to Canonbrooke in 1m 4f Kempton maiden stakes (good to firm). Shadiann 8l 2nd to Delilah in 1m 2f York maiden stakes (soft) with Sabadilla (same terms) 18l 5th and Taborite (same terms) 80l 9th. Messina 3½l 3rd to Flagship in 1m 2f Sandown maiden stakes (good).

SHADIANN has Sabadilla to beat in a moderate contest

5.00 SYCAMORE NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,550: 5f) (12 runners)

1	(8)	001514	MARTON MOSS 51 (D,F,S) (T Bennett) T Easterby 9-7	K Darley	94
2	(12)	01223	TEMPUS FUGIT 84 (BF,D,G) (Keepers) B Meehan 9-5	M Fenton	100
3	(9)	2103000	TWO WILLIAMS 7 (D,S) (W Caley) M W Easterby 9-0	T Lucas	99
4	(6)	0010	DANCING ICON 47 (BF,CD,F) (J Smith) R Hannon 8-6	Martin Dwyer	102
5	(10)	014226	SUPREME ANGEL 25 (D,G) (Lord Mereal Partners) M Muggeridge 8-6	D Holland	88
6	(2)	430030	FUNDANCE 9 (A Watson) M Dods 8-6	J Carroll	96
7	(4)	0250153	CLASSY CLEO 7 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Abbey) P Evans 8-4	J F Egan	[illegible]
8	(1)	4426000	QUIZ MASTER 19 (B) (Mrs R Heaton) E Weymes 7-13	J Quinn	98
9	(7)	5010	TAKE A RISK 11 (BF,D,F) (P McMahon) M Johnston 7-12	N Adams	63
10	(3)	054	SORRIDAR 20 (K Birkinshaw) J Eyre 7-11	T Williams	87
11	(11)	6011554	RISKY WHISKY 56 (B,CD,F,S) (W Kelly) J Berry 7-10	P Fessey (3)	91
12	(5)	000400	REGALO 14 (Spanish Connection) D Hyde 7-10	N Kennedy	90

Long handicap: Risky Whisky 7-8, Regalo 7-7.

BETTING: 7-2 Marton Moss, 11-2 Tempus Fugit, 6-1 Dancing Icon, 13-2 Take A Risk, 8-1 Supreme Angel, 10-1 Classy Cleo, Sorridar, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS Marton Moss 5¾l 4th to Arkadian Hero in 6f listed race at Ripon (good). Supreme Angel 2l 6th to Ivory's Joy in 5f 34yd Newbury handicap (good to firm); previously 6l 2nd to High Carry in 5f Sandown handicap (good to soft) with Dancing Icon (2lb better off) 21l 9th. Classy Cleo 3½l 3rd to Special Treat in 6f York handicap (good) with Two Williams (same terms) 25l 14th. Quiz Master 7½l 7th to Kheyrah in 6f Haydock handicap (good). Take A Risk 7l 8th to Kettlesing in 5f Nottingham handicap (good to firm). Sorridar 6¼l 4th to Prompt Delivery in 5l Pontefract maiden stakes (good to firm). Risky Whisky 8¾l 4th to Oriel Girl in 5f Musselburgh handicap (good to firm).

A difficult race to solve in which MARTON MOSS has better form than most

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	21	51	41.2	W Ryan	26	107	24.3
B Meehan	7	24	29.2	M Hills	14	62	22.6
P Chapple-Hyam	12	44	27.3	L Dettori	23	127	18.1
B Hills	22	90	24.4	J Reid	15	92	16.3
J Gosden	26	110	23.6	J Weaver	19	122	15.6
E Dunlop	4	18	22.2	G Parkin	3	23	13.0
W Jarvis	7	32	21.9	K Darley	23	187	12.3

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Ayr
Going: soft

2.20 (6f) 1, Daybreak (P Fessey, 12-1); 2, Kettlesing (5-1 fav); 3, Liberte Bell (7-1). 12 ran. ¾l, ½l. J Watts. Tote: £17.00; £4.40, £2.60, £2.90. DF: £110.80. CSF: £62.65 Tricast: £422.75. Trio: £411.30.

2.50 (1m 2f 192yd) 1, Begorrat (Darren Moffatt, 11-4); 2, Grate Times (13-2); 3, Deadline Time (13-8 fav). 5 ran. Sh hd, 6l. D Moffatt. Tote: £3.30; £1.90, £3.20. DF: £7.00. CSF: £18.06.

3.20 (1m 5f 13yd) 1, Wahiba Sands (K Darley, 4-1); 2, Hill Farm Blues (14-1); 3, Ledgendry Line (3-1 jt-fav). Nightdark 3-1 jt-fav. 9 ran. 4l, 8l. J Dunlop. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £4.80, £1.60. DF: £25.90. Trio: £50.40. CSF: £55.78. Tricast: £178.00.

3.50 (1m 2f) 1, Taberann (K Darley, 6-1); 2, Ricardo (6-4 fav); 3, Waterwave (5-2). 9 ran. 2l, 1¼l. L Cumani. Tote: £4.40; £1.10, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £5.10. Trio: £6.00. CSF: £13.22.

4.20 (7f) 1, Set Trail (E Johnson, 11-4 fav); 2, Chocolate (4-1); 3, North Ofthe Border (16-1). 8 ran. NR: Rangatira, Ryefield Star. Sh hd, 1½l. J Hanson. Tote: £3.50; £1.30, £1.10, £3.40. DF: £4.20. Trio: £14.20. CSF: £10.70. Rangatira (5-1) and Ryefield (33-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies, deduct 5p in pound.

4.50 (5f) 1, Southern Dominion (S Webster, 10-1); 2, Another Episode (25-1); 3, Hiltons Executive (14-1); 4, Gold Edge (13-2). Rich Glow 5-1 fav. 20 ran. 2l, sh hd. Miss J Craze. Tote: £14.10; £3.10, £6.10, £3.80, £2.30. DF: £631.40. CSF: £247.30. Tricast: £3,333.39. Trio: £831.30.

Placepot: £46.00. Quadpot: £12.70.

Leicester
Going: good to soft

1.30 (7f 9yd) 1, Brave Reward (J Reid, 3-1); 2, Celtic Pageant (5-4 fav); 3, Krisamba (25-1). 13 ran. NR: Alcayde. 1½l, 1¼l. M Stoute. Tote: £6.20; £1.20, £1.70, £18.30. DF: £6.40. Trio: £43.60. CSF: £7.08.

2.00 (7f 9yd) 1, Social Charter (J Reid, 10-1); 2, Swing Sister (10-1); 3, Mutahen (2-1 fav). 7 ran. ½l, ¾l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £9.70; £2.40, £5.00. DF: £32.50. CSF: £94.88.

2.30 (7f 9yd) 1, Goodwood Cavalier (M Rimmer, 50-1); 2, Bombastic (6-5 fav); 3, Russian Party (10-1). 13 ran. NR: Chist. 1¼l, 2½l. J Dunlop. Tote: £78.60; £8.40, £1.10, £2.60. DF: £60.00. CSF: £102.95. Trio: £217.90.

3.00 (7f 9yd) 1, Scathebury (K Fallon, 11-2); 2, Birchwood Sun (10-1); 3, Ed's Folly (12-1); 4, Ocker (16-1). Queen Of Shannon 5-1 fav. 19 ran. NR: Desert Zone. 1½l, 1½l. K Burke. Tote: £7.90; £2.10, £1.90, £5.70, £7.10. DF: £45.20. Trio: £634.90. CSF: £67.84. Tricast: £651.97.

3.30 (1m 8yd) 1, Star Precision (S Drowne, 3-1); 2, Keyboogie (13-8); 3, Prena (11-8 fav). 3 ran. 1½l, nk. G Balding. Tote: £4.20. DF: £3.30. CSF: £6.82.

4.00 (1m 3f 183yd) 1, Swan Hunter (R Mullen, 9-2); 2, Naval Games (2-1 fav); 3, Statajack (8-1). 17 ran. NR: Tocco Jewel. 5l, 1½l. D Cosgrove. Tote: £5.90; £1.70, £2.20, £2.80. DF: £17.80. Trio: £23.20. CSF: £15.08.

4.30 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, Priolo Prima (G Duffield, 4-1 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Bonanza Peak (13-2); 3, North Reef (9-1); 4, Calendula (6-1). 19 ran. Sh hd, 3l. M Prescott. Tote: £3.90; £2.50, £4.90, £2.50, £1.70. DF: £13.90. Trio: £88.70. CSF: £32.64. Tricast: £234.25.

5.00 (1m 8yd) 1, Mantusis (C Rutter, 4-1); 2, Ta Aruf (16-1); 3, Brimming (6-4 fav). 17 ran. NR: Bering Gifts, Ivoran, Mystagogue. 1½l, 4l. P Harris. Tote: £4.70; £1.40, £17.10, £1.10. DF: £125.70. Trio: £78.00. CSF: £72.88.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £8,344.91 carried forward to Haydock Park today).

Placepot: £421.00. Quadpot: £19.80.

Sedgefield
Going: good to firm

2.10 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Gazanali (N Hannity, 4-1 fav); 2, Sweet Cioccaux (6-1); 3, Flintlock (9-2). 11 ran. ½l, 4l. G Moore. Tote: £4.10; £1.50, £3.00, £3.10. DF: £27.50. Trio: £28.00. CSF: £26.57. Tricast: £103.94.

2.40 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Bures (E Callaghan, 8-1); 2, Mr Montague (13-8 fav); 3, Spring Loaded (12-1). 8 ran. 5l, 3½l. Mrs J Brown. Tote: £15.00; £3.30, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £10.40. CSF: £20.71. Tricast: £145.69.

3.10 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Fatehalkhair (C McCormack, 9-2); 2, Eden Dancer (4-1); 3, Acajou III (3-1). Monaco Gold 11-10 fav. 4 ran. Hd, 28l. B Ellison. Tote: £4.10. DF: £9.50. CSF: £18.31.

3.40 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Suas Leat (E Callaghan, 13-8 fav); 2, Cross Cannon (9-2); 3, Morning In May (12-1). 7 ran. 6l, 7l. J Jefferson. Tote: £2.40; £1.80, £1.90. DF: £2.70. CSF: £9.37.

4.10 (3m 3f ch) 1, Overflowing River (A S Smith, 5-1); 2, Galen (6-4 fav); 3, Manor Rhyme (12-1). 7 ran. 3l, 6l. J Wade. Tote: £8.30; £2.60, £1.50. DF: £12.70. CSF: £12.69.

4.40 (2m 5f ch) 1, Chester (A Maguire, 4-6 fav); 2, Edstone (33-1); 3, Tony's Feelings (9-2). 7 ran. 6l, 4l. H Johnson. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £7.90. DF: £25.10. CSF: £25.21.

5.10 (2m 1f flat) 1, Justin Mac (F Leahy, 2-1); 2, Thunderpoint (13-2); 3, Erawe (12-1). Brother Of Iris 10-11 fav. 14 ran. 6l, 19l. J Fitzgerald. Tote: £3.60; £2.10, £3.00, £1.50. DF: £26.70. CSF: £19.15.

Placepot: £108.90. Quadpot: £92.90

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.10 Akalim. 2.40 Wadi. 3.10 Elhayq. 3.40 Sovereigns Court. 4.10 ZIDAC (nap). 4.40 Aboo Hom. 5.10 Contrarie. 5.40 Danzig Flyer.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
2.40 WADI (nap). 4.40 Aboo Hom.

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW. 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 KEGWORTH LIMITED STAKES
(£2,277: 6f 15yd) (20 runners)

1	(15)	5400	BARRANAK 23 (F,G) G McCourt 5-9-7	R Studholme (7)	75
2	(17)	0000	DON PEPE 10 (B,D,F,G,S) R Boss 6-9-4	G Carter	75
3	(4)	3514	MIDDLE EAST 10 (B,CD,F) T Barron 4-9-4	T Sprake	68
4	(6)	1231	MYBOTYE 34 (D,F,G) R Bastiman 4-9-4	Dean McKeown	81
5	(12)	1452	MIKE'S DOUBLE 11 (B,D) Miss G Kelleway 3-9-3	K Fallon	76
6	(9)	0403	NERVOUS REX 23 (D,F) W Muir 3-9-3	J Wilkinson (7)	71
7	(14)	4430	AKALIM 23 (CD,F) L Cottrell 4-9-1	M Henry (3)	82
8	(3)	2002	ALJAZ 68 (D,S) Miss G Kelleway 7-9-1	Dane O'Neill	65
9	(20)	6060	MACGILLYCUDDY 34 (D,G,S) Mrs P Dutfield 8-9-1	C Rutter	69
10	(5)	6000	MAZEED 17 (B,D,F) P Evans 4-9-1	A Clark	60
11	(10)	5700	SUPREME THOUGHT 14 (D,S) L Cottrell 5-9-1	M Carlisle	[illegible]
12	(7)	0000	U-NO-HARRY 14 (D,F) R Hollinshead 4-9-1	F Lynch	70
13	(11)	4000	XENOPHON OF CUNAXA 14 (B,D,F,S) M F-Godley 4-9-1	A Culhane	62
14	(2)	0005	JUST LOUI 11 (D) K Burke 3-9-0	D Sweeney (3)	71
15	(1)	3202	MALADERIE 8 (D,F) M Channon 3-9-0	J Fortune	77
16	(13)	5000	MARENGO 22 J Akehurst 3-9-0	A McGlone	65
17	(19)	6406	MARYLEBONE 25 J Berry 3-9-0	P Roberts (3)	70
18	(16)	000	HAMLEYS 11 (V) D Morris 3-8-11	N Day	46
19	(18)	0250	HEAVENLY MISS 32 (CD,F) J Budge 3-8-11	R Cochrane	77
20	(8)	4300	SYLVAN DANCER 11 C Wall 3-8-11	G Duffield	82

13-2 Maladerie, 7-1 Middle East, Mybotye, 8-1 Mike's Double, Nervous Rex, Akalim, Aljaz, 10-1 others.

2.40 EBF TWO-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £4,045: 1m 54yd) (13)

1	(6)		CARADOC 5 C Williams 9-0	S Drowne	–
2	(1)		DECISIVE ACTION P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	–
3	(11)	5	HONEST BORDERER 13 J Dunlop 9-0	T Sprake	88
4	(7)	05	JAAZIM 23 (BF) M Stoute 9-0	R Hills	88
5	(5)	5	MUTAFARIJ 34 E Dunlop 9-0	M Rimmer	79
6	(4)		ON THE RIGHT SIDE J Hills 9-0	M Henry (3)	–
7	(8)	000	PETRUCHIO 29 D Chappell 9-0	R Cochrane	87
8	(3)		TRAVELLING CLOCK B McMahon 9-0	J Fortune	–
9	(12)	3	WADI 30 (BF) H Cecil 9-0	K Fallon	[illegible]
10	(10)	0	FLICKER 8 Lord Huntingdon 8-9	R Perham	–
11	(9)	0	FLYING CLOUDS 14 M Blanshard 8-9	P P Murphy (3)	48
12	(13)		MORCROFT JOY M Ryan 8-9	A Clark	–
13	(2)	46	PICCADILLY 28 T Etherington 8-9	Dale Gibson	88

15-8 Wadi, 7-2 Mutafarij, 9-2 Honest Borderer, 7-1 Jaazim, 8-1 Decisive Action, 20-1 Caradoc, On The Right Side, Flicker, 25-1 others.

3.10 EBF MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £4,013: 1m 54yd) (12)

1	(7)		CADMAX K Burke 9-0	Dane O'Neill	–
2	(5)	22	CORNICHE 16 (BF) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	101
3	(9)		EDWARDIAN Mrs A Perrett 9-0	A Clark	–
4	(11)	05	EL EL 30 B Hills 9-0	Paul Eddery	79
5	(1)	3	ELHAYQ 14 J Dunlop 9-0	R Hills	71
6	(6)	06	HASTATE 28 W Jarvis 9-0	K Fallon	63
7	(12)		NEEDWOOD SPIRIT B Morgan 9-0	Dean McKeown	–
8	(3)	0	RED BROOK LAD 23 S Dow 9-0	P Doe (7)	53
9	(8)		SLIP VENTURE S Woods 9-0	N Day	–
10	(2)		BRIDGE D Morley 8-9	R Cochrane	–
11	(4)		ELIZA ACTON P Harris 8-9	A Culhane	–
12	(10)	0000	FLEET LADY 30 Mrs P Dutfield 8-9	C Rutter	–

13-8 Corniche, 3-1 Elhayq, 9-2 El El, 7-1 Bridge, 8-1 Slip Venture, 10-1 Hastate, 14-1 Edwardian, Eliza Acton, 25-1 others.

3.40 THURGATON HANDICAP
(£3,824: 1m 54yd) (18)

1	(3)	2065	SWIFT 9 (D,F,G) M Polglase 3-10-0	M Rimmer	64
2	(17)	2356	EPWORTH 69 J Glover 3-10-0	G Carter	81
3	(7)	-300	PREMIER 10 (D) K Ivory 3-10-0	R Cochrane	49
4	(8)	-505	TRULY PARCHED 142 P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-13	R Havlin (3)	–
5	(11)	0003	MUKHATAB 8 (D,F,G) J J Quinn 5-9-12	N Day	47
6	(6)	6000	TAL-Y-LLYN 36 (S) B Hills 3-9-9	Paul Eddery	68
7	(15)	2400	JACK FLUSH 14 (V,D,S) B Rothwell 3-9-8	J Fortune	62
8	(9)	3510	FLASHTALKIN' FLOOD 22 (CD,S) C Dwyer 3-9-8	D O'Donohoe	68
9	(4)	0000	STAR OF RING 7 (G) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-7	S Drowne	46
10	(10)	0003	DOC RYAN'S 7 (B) M Ryan 3-9-6	P McCabe (3)	44
11	(1)	0200	MR SPEAKER 10 (F) C Wall 4-9-4	G Duffield	69
12	(5)	6004	SOVEREIGNS COURT 33 L Cottrell 4-9-3	K Fallon	73
13	(2)	0252	CLOUDS HILL 27 (BF) R Hannon 4-9-2	Dane O'Neill	75
14	(16)	-400	SWINGING THE BLUES 33 R Akehurst 3-9-2	T Quinn	70
15	(12)	0300	GOLDEN ACE 15 (D,G,S) R Spicer 4-9-1	Dean McKeown	83
16	(14)	0050	PARSA 41 (F) J Dunlop 4-8-13	T Sprake	60
17	(18)	0206	MR CUBE 17 (B,D,F,G,S) J Bradley 7-8-13	R Thomas (7)	72
18	(13)	1314	WELCOME HEIGHTS 34 (BF,G,S) M F-Godley 3-8-13	F Norton	79

6-1 Welcome Heights, 7-1 Truly Parched, 8-1 Mukhatab, 10-1 Doc Ryan's, Swinging The Blues, Mr Cube, 12-1 Tal-Y-Llyn, Jack Flush, 14-1 others.

4.10 RAINWORTH CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,277: 1m 54yd) (18)

1	(11)	5003	ZIDAC 30 (F,G) P Makin 5-9-7	K Fallon	80
2	(10)	0604	EFFERVESCENCE 11 R Hannon 3-9-4	W J O'Connor	55
3	(8)	6050	ORONTES 47 (G) R Hannon 3-9-4	Dane O'Neill	54
4	(15)	6000	RHAPSODY IN WHITE 20 (B,D,F) M Jarvis 3-9-4	R Cochrane	50
5	(4)	-100	MUHANDAM 61 (S) P Kelleway 4-9-3	A Whelan (7)	62
6	(7)	0082	ROCK ISLAND LINE 11 (D,F,S) J Berry 3-9-0	P Roberts (3)	74
7	(18)	4125	SCARABEN 26 (D,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 9-8-13	J Fortune	65
8	(2)	5110	BRIGHSTONE 26 (BF,D,F,S) M Pipe 4-8-11	A McGlone	87
9	(16)	0002	EASTLEIGH 15 (D,S) R Hollinshead 8-8-11	Lisa Watson (7)	60
10	(8)	0050	SALTANDO 8 (D,F) Pat Mitchell 6-8-11	P Bloomfield	67
11	(5)	0400	DISPOL DIAMOND 25 (F) G Oldroyd 4-8-10	K Hodgson	55
12	(1)	4-00	ISLAND PRINCE 212 N Babbage 3-8-10	T Sprake	–
13	(14)	6000	FIRST GOLD 103 (C,F,G,S) J Wharton 8-8-9	A Clark	55
14	(17)	4405	GRESATRE 21 (V) C Dwyer 3-8-8	S Drowne	65
15	(13)	00/5	MALSISIO 58 H Lehmoden 5-8-8	T G McLaughlin	–
16	(3)	4042	SPECIAL-K 50 (D,F,G,S) E Weymes 5-8-8	C Faulkner (5)	81
17	(12)	5000	HADADABBLE 28 Pat Mitchell 4-8-6	Dean McKeown	57
18	(9)	0000	GENEROUS PRESENT 8 (D,F) J W Payne 4-8-5	Jacqueline Coppard (7)	45

7-2 Brighstone, 6-1 Special-K, 7-1 Zidac, 8-1 Scaraben, 10-1 Effervescence, Muhandam, Rock Island Line, 12-1 others.

4.40 CALVERTON MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,208: 1m 6f 15yd) (16)

1	(13)		BOAT O'BRIG J G Smyth-Osbourne 4-9-7	Dane O'Neill	–
2	(7)	6	CORPORATE IMAGE 12 R Simpson 7-9-7	M Gallagher	30
3	(5)	45	DUNABRATTIN 24 D Thom 4-9-7	M Wigham	41
4	(15)	0/0	DUTCH 36 G Enright 5-9-7	R Cochrane	–
5	(4)	0222	MOON COLONY 37 Lady Herries 4-9-7	Paul Eddery	79
6	(8)	0-	STARLIGHT WALTZER 371 K Bridgwater 4-9-7	S Drowne	–
7	(11)	5403	ABOO HOM 21 A Stewart 3-8-12	K Fallon	74
8	(9)	3	BAWARA 12 M Channon 3-8-12	J Fortune	47
9	(3)	054	BIG TARGET 149 M Stoute 3-8-12	T Quinn	69
10	(10)	0650	MONACLE 13 D Morris 3-8-12	N Day	60
11	(16)	4222	ROYAL CROWN 27 P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-12	R Havlin (3)	95
12	(14)	0-00	SUCH PRESENCE 88 K Bridgwater 3-8-12	J Bramhill	24
13	(1)	65	LARK'S RISE 23 H Candy 3-8-7	C Rutter	41
14	(12)	0004	PUTERI WENTWORTH 68 Miss G Kelleway 3-8-7	A Whelan (7)	64
15	(2)	5200	TOI TOI 27 D Arbuthnot 3-8-7	S Whitworth	90
16	(6)	205	VIBURNUM 77 A Foster 3-8-7	T Sprake	64

5-2 Moon Colony, 7-2 Royal Crown, 5-1 Aboo Hom, 7-1 Bawara, 8-1 Big Target, 14-1 Toi Toi, 16-1 Puteri Wentworth, 20-1 others.

5.10 WOODBOROUGH HANDICAP
(£4,565: 2m 9yd) (17)

1	(17)	0616	HEIGHT OF HEIGHTS 16 (F) Lady Herries 4-9-11	T Sprake	84
2	(6)	1020	TURGENEV 11 (G,S) R Bastiman 8-9-11	Dean McKeown	85
3	(12)	0032	OPAQUE 26 (BF,G) W Storey 5-9-7	J Fortune	62
4	(8)	00-0	KADASTROF 138J (C,D,G,S) R Dickin 7-9-7	Dane O'Neill	–
5	(12)	1401	RANDOM KINDNESS 12 (D,F) R Ingram 4-9-2	A McGlone	72
6	(1)	3314	CITY HALL 5 (V,F) M Stoute 3-9-1	T Quinn	84
7	(10)	1301	TOMMY TORTOISE 14 (D,F) Miss G Kelleway 3-8-13	K Fallon	77
8	(3)	1263	GOLDEN HADEER 113 (CD,F,G,S) M Ryan 6-8-8	A Clark	66
9	(5)	1354	CLASSIC LINE 36 (B,G) J Dunlop 3-8-7	G Carter	77
10	(7)	05-0	SHIFT AGAIN 11 (B,F) O Sherwood 5-8-7	Sophie Mitchell	75
11	(14)	-000	SILVRETTA 43 (G) R Spicer 4-8-6	Paul Eddery	82
12	(11)	4230	WOODY'S BOY 22 M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-3	A Daly (3)	64
13	(9)	1611	SELMESTON 26 (D,G,S) S C Williams 5-8-3	R Ffrench (3)	69
14	(2)	0-61	THEME ARENA 8 (V,D,F) M Pipe 4-7-12	M Henry (3)	75
15	(15)	-215	RANGER SLOANE 9 (BF,D,G) G Fierro 5-7-10	M Carlisle	71
16	(4)	0521	CONTRARIE 7 (CD,S) M Ryan 4-7-10 (5ex)	R Mullen (5)	80
17	(16)	2/50	AMBUSCADE 26 (S) Mrs J Jordan 11-7-10	A Nicholls (7)	43

11-2 City Hall, 13-2 Tommy Tortoise, 7-1 Classic Line, Theme Arena, Contrarie, 8-1 Height Of Heights, Turgenev, Random Kindness, Selmeston, 10-1 others.

5.40 HORSERACE BETTING LEVY BOARD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,716: 1m 1f 213yd) (13)

1	(2)		CUTTING ANSHAKE M Channon 9-0	J Fortune	–
2	(1)	4300	DANZIG FLYER 22 P Harris 9-0	K Fallon	84
3	(13)	5053	HEATHYARDS SHEIK 8 R Hollinshead 9-0	F Lynch	80
4	(9)	3	JAMORIN DANCER 15 M James 9-0	R Cochrane	75
5	(3)	0	MAGIC FALLS 60 M Polglase 9-0	J Tate	–
6	(4)	0400	OISIN 37 Mrs P Dutfield 9-0	C Rutter	76
7	(11)	46	SHARP MONKEY 7 Mrs N Macauley 9-0	S Drowne	61
8	(6)	0044	SMILING VOTER 9 R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	82
9	(5)		SPIRITO Lord Huntingdon 9-0	T Sprake	–
10	(10)	004	WAVE ROCK 17 J Dunlop 9-0	M Rimmer	82
11	(12)		WERE NOT STOPPIN R Bastiman 9-0	H Bastiman (5)	–
12	(8)	2544	CASINO ACE 8 P Chapple-Hyam 8-9	R Havlin (3)	93
13	(7)		TOKAY P Cole 8-9	T Quinn	–

3-1 Wave Rock, 4-1 Jamorin Dancer, 6-1 Smiling Voter, 7-1 Casino Ace, 8-1 Heathyards Sheik, Tokay, 10-1 Danzig Flyer, Spirito, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 20 winners from 70 runners, 28.6%; P Chapple-Hyam, 4 from 15, 26.7%; N Babbage, 3 from 13, 23.1%; E Dunlop, 4 from 19, 21.1%; Miss G Kelleway, 4 from 21, 19.0%; P Makin, 8 from 42, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: D O'Donohoe, 4 winners from 19 rides, 21.1%; D Sweeney, 4 from 21, 19.0%; R Mullen, 5 from 28, 17.9%; R Hills, 16 from 94, 17.0%; K Fallon, 24 from 152, 15.8%; Paul Eddery, 15 from 96, 15.6%; A Whelan, 4 from 26, 15.4%.

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2.20 Country Orchid. 2.50 Leviticus. 3.20 Rye Crossing. 3.50 Bertone. 4.20 Secret Service. 4.50 Hi Marble.

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2.20 HALLFIELD NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,090: 2m 4f 110yd) (13 runners)

1	2/13	LORD RULLAH 24 (BF,F) J Wade 6-11-5	R Johnson
2	2-11	COUNTRY ORCHID 29 (F) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-0	P Niven
3	/8P-	AHBEJAYBUS 244 Miss L Siddall 8-10-12	A Thornton
4	30/0	ALIAS CHUBB 24 Mrs S Smith 6-10-12	R Wilkinson (5)
5	525-	HOPEFUL LORD 142 P Cheesbrough 5-10-12	A S Smith
6	00/0	HYA PRIM 12 N Chamberlain 8-10-12	B Storey
7	0-	PHARMONY 179 Mrs S Smith 7-10-12	R Guest
8	0-	SAM CHAMPAGNE 316 T Easterby 5-10-12	R Garritty
9	4PP/	TYNDRUM GOLD 529P A J Lockwood 7-10-12	E Callaghan (3)
10	F-	BADGER HILL 249 Miss S Williamson 4-10-11	J Supple
11	34-F	KHALIKHOUM 80 (BF) Sir J Barlow Bt 4-10-11	C Maude
12		MONOTONY C Grant 4-10-11	K Johnson
13	23-3	TOPAGLOW 85 (BF) P Dalton 4-10-11	A P McCoy

10-11 Country Orchid, 5-1 Khalikhoum, 6-1 Topaglow, 7-1 Lord Rullah, 8-1 Hopeful Lord, 14-1 Sam Champagne, 16-1 Pharmony, 25-1 others

2.50 GOLDSBOROUGH JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,810: 2m) (10)

1	1	LEVITICUS 32 (G) T Tate 11-5	R Garritty
2	4	ASPECTO LAD 8 D Williams 10-12	Mr S Durack (7)
3		DULAS BAY 14F M W Easterby 10-12	N Williamson
4		GOOD JUDGE 9F M Hammond 10-12	A Dobbin
5		MONARCH'S PURSUIT 14F T Easterby 10-12	L Wyer
6		MON PERFORMER 362F M Camacho 10-12	E Callaghan (3)
7		RISKY FLIGHT 23F A Smith 10-12	N Horrocks (7)
8		SMOKE'N'JO 37F M W Easterby 10-12	P Midgley (5)
9		WEET AND SEE 11F R Hollinshead 10-12	Gary Lyons
10		LINEA-G 135F Mrs M Reveley 10-7	P Niven

6-5 Leviticus, 11-4 Monarch's Pursuit, 13-2 Dulas Bay, 7-1 Good Judge, 8-1 Linea-G, 16-1 Mon Performer, Smoke'n'jo, 20-1 others

3.20 BOBBY RENTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,688: 3m 1f) (11)

1	B11-	LEPTON 142 (B,CD,F,G) M W Easterby 6-12-0	N Williamson
2	4/3-	RYE CROSSING 347 (F) T Easterby 7-12-0	L Wyer
3	5113	TWO FOR ONE 25 (F,G,S) Miss L Russell 8-11-6	A Thornton
4	01/2	TOSKANO 32 (F) D Williams 5-11-3	Mr S Durack (7)
5	P24-	CURRAGH PETER 179 Mrs P Bickerton 10-11-1	Guy Lewis (3)
6	-50P	YOUNG WOLF 29 (V,S) D Eddy 9-10-13	B Storey
7	04-5	MAYBE O'GRADY 21 (F,G,S) W Cunningham 8-10-10	N Smith
8	4532	LITTLE TINCTURE 11 (F) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 7-10-8	G Upton
9	/343	COQ HARDI DANCER 4 (S) Mrs S Smith 7-10-5	R Guest
10	-FP4	BOSTON MAN 5 (G) R Woodhouse 6-10-2	W Dwan
11	6-P4	GOING PUBLIC 18 (F) P Cheesbrough 10-10-0	A S Smith

7-2 Little Tincture, 4-1 Coq Hardi Dancer, 9-2 Rye Crossing, 6-1 Lepton, 7-1 Toskano, 10-1 Two For One, 12-1 Curragh Peter, Boston Man, 20-1 others

3.50 TONY DICKINSON HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,367: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1	316-	BERTONE 169 (BF,D,F,G) K Bailey 8-11-12	N Williamson
2	514-	CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 161 (CD,F,G,S) T Easterby 8-11-6	L Wyer
3	P4U-	MASTER BOSTON 195 (CD,F,G,S) R Woodhouse 9-11-4	W Dwan
4	/54-	STRATH ROYAL 210 (D,F,G,S) O Brennan 11-10-13	M Brennan
5	25-3	SPANISH LIGHT 33 (D,F,S) Sir J Barlow Bt 8-10-10	C Maude
6	2/0-	POPESHALL 274 (D,F,G,S) Miss S Williamson 10-10-0	J Supple

6-4 Cumbrian Challenge, 11-4 Bertone, 9-2 Master Boston, 6-1 Strath Royal, 8-1 Spanish Light, 33-1 Popeshall

4.20 YORKSHIRE-TYNE TEES TELEVISION HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,600: 2m) (5)

1	11/3	WELSH MILL 48F (CD,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-10	P Niven
2	316-	JACKSON PARK 235 (D,G) T Easterby 4-11-9	L Wyer
3	5-12	SECRET SERVICE 32 (D,G,S) C Thornton 5-11-9	M Foster
4	/22-	HIGHBANK 333 (BF,CD,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-7	M H Naughton (5)
5	P-F3	KERNOF 46 (D,F) M Hammond 4-10-7	R Garritty

5-2 Secret Service, 3-1 Welsh Mill, 4-1 Highbank, Kernof, 9-2 Jackson Park.

4.50 ASKHAM RICHARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,043: 3m 1f) (11)

1	11P	MARSAYAS 33 (F,S) F Jordan 4-11-10	A P McCoy
2	2-U3	CASTLE RED 12 J Wade 6-11-7	S Taylor (5)
3	P63-	PHARRAMBLING 223 Mrs M Reveley 6-11-5	P Niven
4	004-	FENLOE RAMBLER 216 R Johnson 6-11-5	K Johnson
5	53-1	HI MARBLE 33 (G,S) Mrs M Jones 6-11-3	M Dunne (7)
6	502-	MENALDI 175 P Cheesbrough 7-10-11	A S Smith
7	504-	JIGGINSTOWN 153 (D,G) J J O'Neill 10-10-9	L Cooper (7)
8	-343	POPPY'S DREAM 15 (B,F) J Wharton 7-10-9	R Thornton (3)
9	65-3	WOODHOUSE LANE 21 N Chamberlain 5-10-7	B Storey
10	38P-	BASINCROFT 244 Miss S Williamson 7-10-0	J Supple
11	/500	SLY LADY 15 T Etherington 5-10-0	R Rourke

7-2 Hi Marble, 4-1 Pharrambling, 6-1 Menaldi, 7-1 Marsayas, Poppy's Dream, 8-1 Castle Red, Jigginstown, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 48 winners from 180 runners, 26.7%; K Bailey, 3 from 14, 21.4%; T Easterby, 10 from 52, 19.2%; Mrs S Smith, 15 from 96, 15.6%; M W Easterby, 14 from 109, 12.8%; R Woodhouse, 3 from 24, 12.5%; J J O'Neill, 4 from 35, 11.4%

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 44 winners from 166 rides, 26.5%; R Johnson, 7 from 27, 25.9%; L Wyer, 37 from 156, 23.7%; R Guest, 17 from 77, 22.1%; E Callaghan, 5 from 23, 21.7%; K Johnson, 5 from 45, 11.1%; N Williamson, 4 from 37, 10.8%.

☐ Edelweis Du Moulin, a useful hurdler, is likely to make his debut over fences in the Weatherbys/Hiscox Household Insurance Novices' Chase at Kempton Park on Saturday. His trainer, Gordon Richards, also sends Buckboard Bounce for the Charisma Gold Cup on the same card.

Pilsudski 11-8 for Champion

PILSUDSKI has been made 11-8 favourite for the Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday by Coral. Michael Stoute confirmed the five-year-old a definite starter and ruled out Singspiel. Coral also bets: 4-1 Benny The Dip, 5-1 Loup Sauvage, 6-1 Stowaway, 7-1 Desert King, 12-1 Bahhare, 14-1 Revoque, 25-1 Bijou D'Inde, 100-1 No Slouch.

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FOOTBALL

Wallace brothers prepare for reunion

By Russell Kempson

THOUGH many of the fattest cats of the FA Carling Premiership now treat the Coca-Cola Cup with barely-disguised contempt, the humble representatives of the Nationwide League still take it seriously. For some, it relieves the often humdrum existence of life in the lower divisions; for others, the competition can generate 20 per cent of their gross income. Either way, they like it.

In the new-style third round this evening, in which extra time and penalties have replaced the need for replays, it is the turn of Stoke City, West Bromwich Albion and Hull City to share the limelight. For Stoke and Leeds United, who play at the Britannia Stadium, much of the attention will focus on the Wallace twins, Ray and Rod.

Ray is the Stoke midfield player and Rod the Leeds striker. The 28-year-olds started their careers at Southampton, moved on to Elland Road in 1991 and only parted company three years ago, when Ray joined Stoke on a free transfer.

"I rang Rod the day after the third-round draw and we had a chuckle about it," Ray Wallace said yesterday. "I had a good time at Leeds, but I don't think I've got anything to prove to them. I'm just looking forward to the game.

"Rod is playing really well at the moment. He is one of the best strikers in the Premiership when he's at his best. He's definitely quicker than me, but he's not the bravest of players. If there's going to be a 50-50 tackle between us, I reckon I'll win it."

West Bromwich also face a severe examination when they take on Liverpool at The Hawthorns. They lie in fourth position in the first division, three places above Stoke, but have yet to encounter such high-class Coca-Cola opposition. In the previous rounds, they defeated Cambridge United and Luton Town.

Even if Paul Ince, the England captain, is rested after his exertions against Italy in Rome, Liverpool still have immense strength in depth. "If you look at their players individually, you might start to get a bit worried," John Trewick, the West Bromwich first-team coach, said. "At least we won't have to motivate our lads too much.

"If anything, we might have to play down the game. It'll help relieve some of the tension and maybe take away a bit of the pressure." Victory for West Bromwich might convince Ray Harford, the manager, that he should now agree his contract, which has remained unsigned since he joined the club in February.

Hull, from the nether regions of the third division, sprang a surprise in the second round when they knocked out Crystal Palace on the away-goals rule. A repeat against Newcastle United at St James' Park is unlikely, especially as Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle manager, has confirmed that he will field his strongest available line-up.

"We will be giving this game the same importance as any other," Dalglish said. "It would be disrespectful to Hull and to ourselves to treat it in any other way." Newcastle have sold more than 31,000 tickets for the tie, at least ensuring that Hull have a decent pay-day as they beat a hasty retreat, in all likelihood, back to Humberside.

Nevertheless, Mark Hateley, the Hull manager, is quietly optimistic. "We seem to play better when we're not expected to succeed," he said. "I just hope the players enjoy the game. Not many of them will have played at a ground like St James' Park before."

In the four all-Premiership ties, Chelsea play Blackburn Rovers, Everton visit Coventry City, Tottenham Hotspur take on Derby County and Aston Villa travel to West Ham United. Middlesbrough and Sunderland meet in a North East derby at the Riverside Stadium, with Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, asking the rival supporters to stay calm.

Violence broke out after his side's 2-1 first division win against Sunderland at the Stadium of Light last month. "Everyone should show common sense and enjoy the game," he said. "I want it to be a spectacle for the right reasons."

Manchester United were told yesterday that any attempt to sign the Chile striker, José Marcello Salas, will be rejected, at least until the end of the season. Salas's Argentinian club, River Plate, are understood to have refused a bid of £13 million from United.

STEVE LINDSELL / ALLSPORT

Rod Wallace, the Leeds United striker, has the speed to trouble any defence, according to his twin brother, Ray

Arsenal offer to hand out refunds

By Matt Dickinson

ARSENAL offered refunds to supporters unhappy at the absence of first-team players for their Coca-Cola Cup game against Birmingham last night, but short-changing is likely to remain an issue surrounding the controversial competition for some time to come.

The Premiership leaders followed Manchester United's example by fielding a second-string side at Highbury, a strategy their northern rivals have pursued for the past two seasons, and maintained at Ipswich in the third round last night.

After complaints, Arsenal offered to reimburse fans who felt cheated by the lack of regular players such as David Seaman, Ian Wright and Dennis Bergkamp. Claire Tomlinson, a spokeswoman for the club, said: "We had a couple of calls from supporters and have offered to give money back to any who turned up with a ticket and stub."

Talk that both clubs, and other leading Premiership teams such as Chelsea, who will also rest international players, might be expelled from the competition was denied yesterday by the Football League, the competition's organising body.

With Coca-Cola less than 12 months into a three-year sponsorship agreement, the League is highly unlikely to throw out two of the country's biggest draws and risk upsetting television and corporate backers.

Dennis Signy, a League spokesman, said: "Expulsion is not a consideration. The Coca-Cola Cup is of importance to the whole of English football because of the money it generates."

David Sheepshank, chairman of Ipswich and the Football League — who both have a policy of conciliation over the issue — carefully sidestepped controversy.

He claimed that Ipswich supporters would be happy to watch any team that United mustered, and added: "Both United and Arsenal had players with England in Rome. Premiership clubs are committed to the Coca-Cola Cup and it is practice to use a squad system. Chelsea for example, are putting out different sides for every game and you can query what is their strongest side."

Smith calls for postponements

By Richard Hobson

JIM SMITH, the Derby County manager, has called upon the FA Premier League to adopt a more flexible approach when players are called away for international duty. Derby will have to face Liverpool on October 25 with four of their first-team squad elsewhere preparing for the first leg of the World Cup play-offs.

The FA Premier League, which runs the FA Carling Premiership, has said that all scheduled matches for the weekend in question must be played and Smith is resigned to contesting the game with a severely weakened side. He expects to lose Igor Stimac and Aljosa Asanovic to Croatia and Lee Carsley to Ireland, while Stefano Eranio has been called into Italy's preliminary squad.

Liverpool can expect to be without the Ireland pair of Jason McAteer and Phil Babb, with Mark Kennedy also joining the squad. Elsewhere, Chelsea, Newcastle United and Aston Villa will also be affected.

Smith, forced to release Mauricio Solís and Paulo Wanchope to Costa Rica and Deon Burton to Jamaica earlier in the season, believes that the Premier League should introduce a policy close to that of the Football League, where clubs have the automatic right to a postponement if three or more players are with their countries.

He said: "I do not know whether the figure should be two, three or four players, but it must be fair that if a team has to give up a certain number, then it has the right to postpone the game. Those who are called away are likely to be among your best for them to be internationals. A side should not be penalised for having good players."

The Premier League maintains that it is adopting a consistent stance in taking an overview of weekend activities. Last season, the chairmen of the 20 clubs agreed to postpone two rounds of matches on December 14 and March 29 en bloc, although those unaffected by international calls were allowed to proceed with their fixtures.

☐ Markus Munch, the Bayern Munich midfield player, has joined Newcastle United on a week's trial. The 25-year-old could be available for a fee of £600,000.

Cup brings Aberdeen a welcome diversion

By Our Sports Staff

ABERDEEN will be hoping to put their lamentable Bell's Scottish League premier division form behind them and reach the Scottish Coca-Cola Cup final for the second time in three years when they meet Dundee United at Tynecastle tonight.

Victories over Dumbarton, Dundee and Stirling Albion have given Aberdeen supporters something to cheer about, amid a league run of only two wins in their past 28 games.

Like their counterparts in England, Scottish clubs are disappointed that winning the Coca-Cola Cup will not bring a reward of a place in the Uefa Cup. "This is a big tournament for the players and the supporters. It is a trophy we certainly want to win," Jim Leighton, the Scotland goalkeeper, said yesterday. "It is such a shame that there is no European place at the end of it and I fail to understand the reasoning behind it."

Leighton, the former Manchester United goalkeeper, last won a medal in his homeland in 1986, when Aberdeen beat Hearts in the Scottish Cup final. "It has been a long time since I won a medal and nobody wants one more than me."

Roy Aitken, the manager, said the Coca-Cola Cup had been "devalued" because of Uefa's stance. "This is the first trophy that will be won in Scotland [this season] and we want it badly," he said.

Aberdeen will be without Billy Dodds, the Scotland striker, who is suspended, and Eoin Jess, who has an ankle injury.

Dundee United have defeated two premier division sides — Hibernian and Rangers — on their way to the semi-finals, as well as Queen of the South. "The problem for us this season has been inconsistency, but we have addressed that in the cup competitions and have to be positive tomorrow," Tommy McLean, the manager, said.

Ray McKinnon and Neil Duffy are still injured, but Steven Thompson, the Scotland Under-21 forward, has been included in the Dundee United squad. The winner tonight will meet Dunfermline Athletic or Celtic who met in the first semi-final at Ibrox last night.

The Scottish Sports Council and the Football Trust announced yesterday they would work together, using money from the Lottery Sports Fund, to complete ground improvements as recommended in the Taylor report. Allan Alstead, the Scottish Sports Council chief executive, said that about £9 million would be released over the next four years for the work. Non-league clubs also would be able to apply for funding.

SQUASH

Jansher meeting looms for Britons

From Colin McQuillan in Alexandria

PETER NICOL, of Scotland, and Simon Parke, of England, are set to meet in the quarter-finals of the Egyptian Open championship here for the right to challenge Jansher Khan in the last big tournament before the World Open, which he has refused to defend, in Malaysia next month.

Jansher faces a child maintenance claim if he sets foot in Malaysia and therefore he has declined to defend a title that he has won eight times. His plan appears to be that by gaining emphatic wins in the Egyptian Open and in the Qatar International after the world championships, he will devalue the achievement of whoever takes his world title in Kuala Lumpur.

Nicol, the world No 3, who defeated Alex Gough, the Welsh champion, 15-11, 15-10, 15-14 in 65 minutes yesterday, and Parke, the world No 5, who needed ten minutes less to dispose of Danny Meddings 15-14, 15-6, 15-9, are firmly among the group eyeing the unexpected opportunity of picking up a world crown that has gone to non-Pakistanis only twice in the past 15 years.

Their chances should be enhanced by the recent loss of form by Rodney Eyles, the world No 2, of Australia, who lost in the first round here to Craig Wapnick, a South African qualifier. Wapnick himself was easily overcome yesterday in the second round 15-13, 9-15, 15-13, 15-11 by Julian Bonetat, of France.

Eyles was previously beaten in the first rounds of both the Hong Kong and US Open by Peter Marshall, the former world No 2 who has made such a good return from chronic fatigue syndrome that he finds himself among those tipped as potential world champions next month. Marshall has missed the Egyptian Open to save himself for the world championships.

Meanwhile, Jansher himself was due to meet Brett Martin, of Australia, late last night with Ahmed Barada, Egypt's favourite son, looming as a testing quarter-final opponent.

In other second-round matches here last night, three Britons were in action. Nick Taylor, of Lancashire, was due to meet Anthony Hill, of Australia, while Del Harris, of Essex, was due to play Mark Chaloner, of Lincolnshire.

☐ Cassandra Jackman, of England, overcame a nervous start to defeat Kym Keevil, an Australian qualifier, in their opening match at the women's world championships yesterday. Jackman will play Claire Nitch, the No 12 seed from South Africa, in the next round.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Washington 21 Dallas 16

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Play-off: Baltimore 4 Cleveland 2 (Cleveland lead best-of-seven series 3-2)

BOWLS

PRESTON GUILD HALL: Bupa Care Homes Open Championship: First round: M King (Eng) bt S Hazell (Eng) 7-5 7-6, S Glasson (Aus) bt G Smith (Eng) 7-4, 6-7, 7-6, R Weale (Wales) bt W Richards (Eng) 7-1, 7-2, A Thomson (Eng) bt M Johnston (Ire) 7-5, 7-3, N Burkett (SA) bt G Harlow (Eng) 7-5, 1-7, 7-3, L Gillett (Eng) bt I Schubach (Aus) 7-3, 7-5

CRICKET

President's Cup

Bangladesh v Zimbabwe

NAIROBI (Zimbabwe won toss): Zimbabwe beat Bangladesh by 192 runs

ZIMBABWE

G W Flower c Khaled b Shafiuddin	15
†A Flower c Hossain b Shaikh	70
C N Evans c Khaled b Ahmed	1
G J Whittall lbw b Rafique	52
*A D R Campbell b Hussain	40
G R Rennie st Khaled b Rafique	15
C B Wishart c Khaled b Hussain	30
P A Strang b Shafiuddin	33
B C Strang run out	3
A Huckle run out	1
M Mbangwa not out	0
Extras (lb 9, w 9, nb 6)	24
Total (47 overs)	284

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-55, 3-150, 4-160, 5-186, 6-237, 7-257, 8-275, 9-284.

BOWLING: Mohammed Hossain 10-1-63-2; Shafiuddin Ahmed 10-1-42-3, Athar Khan 3-0-23-0; Shaikh Salahuddin 8-0-37-1; Mohammed Rafique 10-0-65-1; Kazi Bashar 6-0-26-0.

BANGLADESH

Athar Khan b B C Strang	9
Mohammed Hossain c P A Strang b B C Strang	0
Kazi Bashar c A Flower b B C Strang	2
Minhajul Nannu c A Flower b P A Strang	18
Jahangir Alam lbw b B C Strang	1
*Mohammed Khan c Wishart b B C Strang	11
†Khaled Mashud lbw b B C Strang	0
Mohammed Rafique lbw b Huckle	2
Shaikh Salahuddin not out	6
Mohammed Hussein c Rennie b Huckle	16
Shafiuddin Ahmed b P A Strang	11
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 6, nb 2)	16
Total (33.3 overs)	92

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-14, 3-20, 4-22, 5-38, 6-38, 7-53, 8-57, 9-77

BOWLING: B C Strang 10-2-20-6; Mbangwa 7-0-15-0; P A Strang 9.3-1-22-2; Huckle 7-0-27-2

Umpires: R E Koertzen (South Africa) and Salim Badar (Pakistan).

TOUR MATCH: Peshawar (final day of three): South Africans 367-4 dec and 213-5 dec (L Klusener 56); Allied Bank Limited XI 275-3 dec and 125. South Africans win by 180 runs.

CYCLING

HILL CLIMB: Lancashire RC (The Rake, Ramsbottom, 970yd): 1, J Wright (North East RT) 2min 21.6sec; 2, J Henderson (Oxford University CC) 2:25.6; 3, S Dangerfield (Wheelbase CC) 2:25.9. Team: Oldham Century RC 8:10.2. Otley CC two-stage (Norwood Edge and East Chevin, 1.8m): 1, J Wright (North East RT) 8:52.1; 2, J Henderson (Oxford University CC) 8:56.3; 3, R Taylor (Team 120/80) 9:35.2. Team: Oxford Univ CC 29:51.6. Plymouth Corinthian (Plymbridge Hill, 1,056yd): 1, S Pullyblank (St Budeaux CC) 2:53.47; 2, A Sumen (Plymouth Corinthian) 2:57.78; 3, M Holland (Tavistock Wheelers) 2:58.87. Burton and District CA (Colke, Derbyshire, 740yd): 1, D Gell (South Pennine RC) 1:38.12; 2, J Mason (Long Eaton CC) 1:39.82; 3, M Smith (Long Eaton Paragon) 1:41.01.

DANCE SPORT

BRENTWOOD: International championships: Under-21 Modern: 1, D Gozzi and M Narduzzi (It); 2, B Fesel and G Grandosek (Slovenia); 3, L Koreva and A Bubnelis (Lith); 4, A Seppanen and S M Rusanen (Fin); 5, M Pilla and M Bellucci (It); 6, M Abildrup and M Moltke (Den). Under-21 Latin: 1, D Bennett and L Kopylova (Eng); 2, S Filippo and S Magnanelli (It); 3, E Katsevman and M Manusova (US); 4, S Hougaard and N Meller (Den); 5, J Jordan and E Haraldsdottir (Eng); 6, A Mazzo and K Machell (US). Rising Star Pro Modern: 1, F Filippone and O Malkina (It); 2, K Hiyama and K Hiyama (Japan); 3, K van Hauen and M van Hauen (Den); 4, M Shutler and J Shutler (Eng); 5, D Delprion and D Szczepanski (It); 6, M Klopner and U Schmitz (Ger). Rising Star Pro Latin: 1, M Lunn and J Beltzer (Eng); 2, L Fanni and L F Leonori (It); 3, N Kiruahin and S Radchenkova (Russ); 4, D Gabusi and C Tavalazzi (It); 5, H Tesbaek and J Sondergaard (Den); 6, A Hojo and M Suda (Japan).

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley 0 Boston United 0. Cup: First round replays: Flixton 0 Ashton 1.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Manchester United 1 Nottingham Forest 1. Second division: Lincoln 0 Carlisle 1. Third division: Chesterfield 1 Newcastle United 2.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Postponed: Brighton v Watford.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Pontefract Cols 1 Thackley 1

FAI NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Quarter-final: Dundalk 2 Cork 1 (aet)

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Fuji Film Trophy: Second round: Stockton 0 Bishop Auckland 2. Inter-Association: Derby 2 Manchester 2.

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round draw: Southern section: Billericay Town v Camberley Town; Tiverton Town v Sudbury Town; Staines Town v Margate, Basingstoke Town or Calne Town v Braintree Town; Bognor Regis Town or Croydon v Farnborough Town; Rushden & Diamonds v Boreham Wood; Yeovil Town v Hayes; St Albans City v Hendon; Heybridge Swifts v Ashford Town, Cheltenham Town v Sutton United; Bromsgrove Rovers v Romford; King's Lynn v Salisbury City; Gloucester City v Wisbech Town; Enfield v Carshalton Athletic; Slough Town v Kingstonian; Sittingbourne v Hereford United. Northern section: Gainsborough Trinity v Halifax Town; Runcorn v Marine or Lincoln United; Hinckley United v Colwyn Bay; Halesowen Town or Redditch United v Northwich Victoria; Ilkeston Town v Hyde United; Blyth Spartans v Kidderminster Harriers; Nuneaton Borough v Emley; Winsford United or Arnold Town v Penrith; Southport v North Ferriby United; Stalybridge Celtic v Solihull Borough; Knypersley Victoria v Boston United; Altrincham v Morecambe.

☐ Ties to be played on October 25

HOCKEY

ADELAIDE: Champions Trophy: South Korea 3 Pakistan 1; Australia 2 Germany 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Vancouver 3 Edmonton 0; Florida 2 New York Islanders 2 (OT); St Louis 3 Carolina 1; Phoenix 2 Chicago 1; Boston 3 Anaheim 0; Philadelphia 3 San Jose 2 (OT).

MOTOR RALLYING

SAN REMO RALLY: Leading positions (after second day): 1, P Liatti (It, Subaru Impreza WRC) 2hr 56min 11sec; 2, C McRae (GB, Subaru Impreza WRC) at 6sec; 3, T Makinen (Fin, Mitsubishi Lancer EV 4) 26; 4, C Sainz (Sp, Ford Escort WRC) 29; 5, J Kankkunen (Fin, Ford Escort WRC) 37; 6, F Loix (Bel, Toyota Corolla WRC) 51.

SAILING

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE: First leg (Southampton to Cape Town): Positions (at 12.00GMT yesterday, with miles to Cape Town): 1, EF Language (Swe) 2,286.2; 2, Merit Cup (Monaco) 2,301; 3, Innovation Kvaerner (Nor) 2,301.4; 4, Silk Cut (GB) 2,449.4; 5, Chessie Racing (US) 2,504.4; 6, Toshiba (US) 2,591.7; 7, America's Challenge (US) 2,592.9; 8, Swedish Match (Swe) 2,602.1; 9, EF Education (Swe) 2,771.7; 10, Brunel-Sunergy (Hol) 2,846.9.

SNOOKER

BOURNEMOUTH INTERNATIONAL CENTRE: Grand Prix: First round: P Hunter (Eng) bt G Ponting (Eng) 5-2; C MacGillivray (Scot) bt M Davis (Eng) 5-4; A Burden (Eng) bt G Dott (Scot) 5-2; J Birch (Eng) bt S Judd (Eng) 5-1; D Roe (Eng) bt J Lardner (Scot) 5-2; P McCullagh (Eng) bt N Pearce (Eng) 5-4; L Griffin (Eng) bt T Jones (Eng) 5-3; W Brown (Eng) bt J Prince (N Ire) 5-3; M Stevens (Wales) bt M Gray (Eng) 5-3; E Henderson (Scot) bt S Storey (Eng) 5-1; P Lines (Eng) bt A Chappel (Wales) 5-0; S Pettman (Eng) bt D O'Kane (NZ) 5-3; A Dawes (Wales) w/o K Payne (Eng) scr.

SPEEDWAY

YOUNG SHIELD: First round, second leg: Exeter 86 Newcastle 22 (Exeter win 112-88 on agg); Isle of Wight 37 Reading 53 (Reading win 113-67 on agg).

TENNIS

OSTRAVA: Men's tournament: First round: K Carlsen (Den) bt A O'Brien (US) 7-6, 6-7, 7-6; K Kucera (Slovakia) bt K Braasch (Ger) 7-5, 6-4; D Nargiso (It) bt C Ruud (Nor) 6-2, 5-7, 7-5; J Krosiak (Slovakia) bt S Sargsian 7-6, 6-4; J Novak (Cz) bt G Stafford (SA) 6-1, 6-1; M Norman (Swe) bt R Vasek (Cz) 7-5, 6-2; P Haarhuis (Hol) bt W Ferreira (SA) 6-1, 6-0; D Prinosil (Ger) bt R Hanak (Cz) 7-6, 7-5.

LYONS: Men's tournament: First round: R Reneberg (US) bt F Dewulf (Bel) 7-6, 5-7, 6-4; T Haas (Ger) bt A Portas (Sp) 6-1, 6-3; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt B Steven (NZ) 6-1, 6-2; F Wibier (Hol) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 7-6, 7-6; T Martin (US) bt O Mutis (Fr) 6-2, 7-6.

ZURICH: Women's tournament: First round: S Appelmans (Bel) bt B Schultz-McCarthy (Hol) 6-3, 6-7, 7-5; A Sugiyama (Japan) bt B Schett (Austria) 6-2, 1-0 ret; A-G Sidot (Fr) bt K Habsudova (Slovakia) 6-2, 7-6; N Tauziat (Fr) bt K Po (US) 6-3, 6-7, 7-5; S Kleinova (Cz) bt M Maleeva (Bul) 6-3, 6-3; V Williams (US) bt R Dragomir (Rom) 6-0, 6-3.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket match*

Coca-Cola Cup

Third round

Chelsea v Blackburn (7.45)
Coventry v Everton (7.45)
Middlesbrough v Sunderland (7.45)
Newcastle v Hull (7.45)
Stoke v Leeds (7.45)
Tottenham v Derby (7.45)
* West Bromwich v Liverpool (7.45)
West Ham v Aston Villa (7.45)

Scottish Coca-Cola Cup

Semi-final

Aberdeen v Dundee Utd (at Tynecastle, 7.45)

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland v Frickley, Gainsborough v Guiseley. First division: Bradford Pk Ave v Eastwood Town.

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Midland division: RC Warwick v Paget R; Raunds T v VS Rugby; Solihull Boro v Moor Green. Southern division: Baldock v Witney; Dartford v Margate; Newport AFC v Weston-super-Mare. League Cup: First round, first leg: Havant v Weymouth.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Luton v Charlton (2.0); Oxford United v Chelsea (at Witney Town FC); Swindon v Ipswich (7.15); Tottenham Hotspur v Norwich (at Leyton Orient FC).

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: First division: Huddersfield v Oldham (7.0). Second division: Burnley v Barnsley (7.15); Rochdale v Wrexham (7.0); Shrewsbury v York (7.0); Stockport v Sheffield United (7.0). Third division: Chester v Walsall (7.0); Scarborough v Scunthorpe (7.0), Wigan v Bury (7.0)

ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Town v Stockton, Northallerton v Consett.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Hassocks v Wick.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Canterbury v Tunbridge Wells; Sheppey v Deal.

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Meir KA v Boldmere Swifts; Worcestero v Wellesbourne.

COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Feltham v Ashford

NORTH WEST COUNTIES FLOODLIT TROPHY: Ramsbottom v Mossley; Prescot Cables v Rossendale.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Cowes Sports v Eastleigh

INTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: Invitation Cup: Stapenhill v Walsall Wood

FA CUP: Third qualifying round replays: Lincoln United v Marine; Croydon v Bognor Regis.

NATIONWIDE GOLD CUP: Section C: Cliftonville v Portadown.

GILBERT LEAGUE CUP: First round, first leg: Flint Town v Welshpool, Rhayader Town v Carmarthen Town.

FAI NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Quarter-final: Home Farm v Cobh Ramblers.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second qualifying round: Hoddesdon v East Thurrock. Second qualifying round replays: Burton v Bromsgrove, Walton and Hersham v Staines; Sutton United v Camberley Town; Welling v Sittingbourne.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Fuji Film Trophy: Second round: Nuneaton v Cannock (at Nuneaton Borough); Afan Nedd v Stroud (at Afan Lido, 7.0); Shepway v South East Sussex (at Hythe FC, 7.0). Hartlepool Hospital Cup: Middlesbrough v Stockton (at Acklam Sports Centre, 4.30).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Thames Valley Tigers v Manchester Giants (8.0). National Cup: Plymouth v London Towers (7.30).

SNOOKER: Grand Prix (in Bournemouth)

SPEEDWAY: Scott Trophy International: England v United States (in Poole, 7.30). Young Shield: Semi-final: Long Eaton v Edinburgh (7.45). Postponed: Oceanic Classic (in Hull, 7.30).

TENNIS: LTA women's challenger tournament (in Southampton).

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The forum marks the publication of Keegan's *My Autobiography* (Little Brown £16.99) and will be held at Westminster Central Hall, Storey's Gate, London SW1 at 7.30pm. Admission price is £10 (concessions £7.50) and includes £2 off the price of the book. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to put questions to him.

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FOOTBALL

Clarke sent from Coventry to fulfil foreign role

Richard Hobson on an innovative scouting appointment that other clubs may well copy

The influx of foreign players into England shows no sign of abating. As clubs increasingly turn abroad to bolster their ranks, Coventry City have taken the next logical step by appointing a full-time European scout.

For Ray Clarke, the job is a labour of love. For a club that can ill afford exorbitant transfer fees, particularly after announcing a record loss of £10 million last week, it is likely to prove a shrewd investment.

"I think, because of the openness of the European Community, the drift towards foreign players is irreversible," Clarke said. "My job is to find the best ones before they become well known and the vultures at other places leave their branches. If I can find one or two players a year, I have earned my money."

Clarke is based on the outskirts of Amsterdam. Having lost his job as reserve-team coach at Southampton, he was approached by Bryan Richardson, the Coventry chairman, during the summer. Gordon Strachan was in the process of restructuring the scouting network and felt that Clarke's knowledge and contacts abroad could be utilised.

A prolific striker in the lower divisions in England, Clarke joined Sparta Rotterdam from Mansfield Town in 1976 on the recommendation of Bill McGarry, then the manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Clarke subsequently joined Ajax and played in Johan Cruyff's testimonial match against Bayern Munich in 1978. He helped them to the league and cup double the next year and, after a brief spell with FC Bruges, returned to England in 1980 to play for Brighton. A hip injury finished his career while at Newcastle United. His passion for the game was stoked by those four, eye-opening years on the Continent. "Holland had been in one World Cup final when I arrived and two years later they were in another. Considering the size of the country, it was remarkable and their training methods were a real education.

"Cruyff was a genius, of course, but there were other players like Rudi Krol, who had great technique but was also an incredibly strong leader of men. They were all so flexible. It seemed obvious why England were miles behind at the time," he said.

The workload is enormous. Clarke is now in the middle of a seven-match tour that began with the Holland Under-21 international last Friday and includes games in France and Germany, before it finishes in Belgium on Saturday.

"The job can be a bit insular at times," Clarke said. "Last week I made a 1,000-mile round trip to Rennes, not realising quite how far away it was, but I saw a young lad of 19 who is worth keeping tabs on.

"I had never worked with Gordon before, so my biggest worry when I took on the job was that we would look for different things in players. I was very nervous when I made my first recommendation, because I was worried he would come a long way and wonder what I had seen in the lad. Fortunately, he agreed with me and put in a bid the next day."

He believes that more English sides will follow Coventry's example. "The club is being very progressive here," he said. "It is a big market place these days and, with expensive fees being asked, even for players in the Nationwide League, clubs are bound to look to Europe.

"Managers cannot watch games all the time, though, and videotapes are not always reliable. They do not tell you anything about the human being in the shirt. Somebody can be a good player, but if he is going to be unhappy in England, then he will not be worth taking on."

Edwards' support for terracing condemned

The Football Trust yesterday strongly opposed moves to bring back terracing to the leading grounds in England and Scotland after Martin Edwards, the Manchester United chief executive, said that there might be a case for what he described as "safe standing".

Richard Faulkner, the Football Trust deputy chairman, said: "We would consider such a move a retrograde step by clubs in the top divisions. There has been a great transformation in stadiums since the Taylor report and a great deal of money spent.

"Facilities have been considerably improved, not just in the seating areas, but throughout the grounds generally. But really it is not a decision for us to take. It is essentially a decision for Government."

The Football Association and its Scottish counterpart have also voiced their disapproval of Edwards's plan. "I think we would be taking a step back in time," the SFA president, Jack McGinn, said.

Faulkner and McGinn were at Hampden Park yesterday morning for the official launch of the Football Trust's partnership with the Scottish Sports Council.

The alliance will have an important role to play in completing the recommendations of the Taylor report.

They will also consider awards from the Lottery Sports Fund and the Football Trust finances for work at the grounds of Scottish league clubs.

Faulkner said: "Today's announcement is a tremendous boost for Scottish football and a further vote of confidence in the Trust as the only national body with the remit to help the game at all levels and in all parts of the UK."

ANDREW VARLEY

Goodway is left with much to ponder after naming his squad for the series with Australia

Britain pick flexible friends

By Christopher Irvine

IN BASING his selection on experience and form it was the latter that Andy Goodway, the Great Britain coach, had in mind when omitting Martin Offiah, which leaves only one specialist wing in the squad for the British Gas series against Australia next month.

That Offiah has lost a yard in pace is not in question. Who will accompany Anthony Sullivan on the wing is. As there is no word yet from the Australian Rugby League (ARL) about releasing Jason Robinson, Alan Hunte is the obvious candidate to revert from centre to his former position, which he filled on the New Zealand tour last year.

Wing is not the only area where players are likely to find themselves in unaccustomed roles. Flexibility is a necessary element of the 22-strong squad announced yesterday, which is dictated by injuries, the ARL's continued block on Robinson and Gary Connolly's participation, and Goodway's admission about the shallow depth of world-class talent available to him.

It is shortage of cover at half back and prop that could necessitate Andy Farrell, the captain, reverting from loose forward to stand-off half and Chris Joynt moving up to the front row.

The cut-off point for whether Robinson and Connolly can play in the first international, at Wembley on November 1, is next week. "We've a certain idea how we want to play, which is reflected by the selections, and we are going to push and move people around," Goodway said.

Goodway is prepared to gamble, simply because he must and because conservative tactics have got Britain nowhere against Australia in the past. The paucity of choice is reflected by a predictable squad in which Sean Long, one of a seven-strong St Helens contingent, is the one name from outside the original training squad, as cover for both half back positions and hooker.

GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD: Backs: P Atcheson (Oldham), M Crompton (Oldham), R Goulding (St Helens), I Harris (Leeds), A Hunte (St Helens), S Long (St Helens), P Newlove (St Helens), K Radlinski (Wigan), A Sullivan (St Helens), S Spruce (Bradford) Forwards: P Broadbent (Sheffield), M Cassidy (Wigan), K Cunningham (St Helens), A Farrell (capt, Wigan), M Forshaw (Bradford), S Haughton (Wigan), C Joynt (St Helens), J Lowes (Bradford), S McNamara (Bradford), A Morley (Leeds), D Sampson (Castleford), P Sculthorpe (Warrington).

International dates: November 1 (Wembley), November 8 (Old Trafford), November 16 (Elland Road).

SPORT IN BRIEF

McRae steps up rally challenge

COLIN McRAE was 6sec behind his Subaru team-mate, Piero Liatti, the leader, in the San Remo rally yesterday, after achieving the fastest time in all of the first four special stages. The Scot jumped from eighth place into second behind Liatti, of Italy. After a troubled first day, during which his car suffered suspension problems, McRae said: "At least I can feel that the car's OK."

McRae's improvement was helped by problems suffered by the Toyotas of Freddy Loix, of Belgium, and Didier Auriol, of France. Loix had transmission problems while Auriol was penalised 30sec for staying in the pits too long. The pair were in sixth and seventh positions respectively. Tommi Makinen, of Finland, who leads the world championship by eight points, was in third place, with Carlos Sainz, of Spain, his closest rival for the world title, just 3sec farther back.

England call up Luckes

Hockey: England travel to Cairo for an international tournament from November 1 to 9 as part of the preparation for the World Cup in Utrecht, Holland, next year (Sydney Friskin writes). The team will be joined in Egypt by Barry Dancer, their new Australian coach. There are two changes in the side, Luckes replacing Lewis in goal and Sharpe, one of five Cannock players in the squad, taking over from Fordham in midfield.

ENGLAND SQUAD: S Mason (Reading), D Luckes (East Grinstead), J Wyatt (Reading), J Halls (HDM, Holland), W Waugh (Southgate), A Humphrey (Cannock), J Pidcock (Cannock), B Sharpe (Cannock), R Crutchley (Cannock), N Thompson (Old Loughtonians), C Mayer (Cannock), B Barnes (East Grinstead), R Garcia (HGM, Holland), D Woods (Southgate), D Hall (Guildford), C Giles (Klein Zwitserland, Holland)

Lewis may forsake title

Athletics: *Denise Lewis, the British heptathlete, may sacrifice* her Commonwealth Games title to be better prepared for the European championships, which are only three weeks later, next year. Lewis, who won a silver medal at the world championships this year, is keen to gain revenge on Sabine Braun, of Germany, who won the gold. Lewis may compete instead in the long jump at the Commonwealth Games.

Redskins move up

American football: *Washington Redskins moved into first* place in the National Football Conference Eastern division with a 21-16 victory over Dallas Cowboys on Monday night. Stephen Davis replaced the injured Terry Allen and scored two touchdowns in the Redskins' win.

☐ Ashton Gate, the home of Bristol City, will stage one of the England Monarchs' five home games next year.

Lytham gets upgrade

Golf: The Royal and Ancient have agreed to make improvements at Royal Lytham and St Annes, the course that has been chosen to host the Open Championship for the second time in five years. The 2001 Open will be played over the links course after negotiations between the club and the Royal and Ancient over new drainage and irrigation systems, and the installation of improved service roads.

Marathon chance

Athletics: Only 11 days are left to enter the 1998 Flora London Marathon. Completed forms must be with the organisers by Saturday, October 25. The official entry form is in the free magazine, *Marathon News*, which is obtainable from 1,000 selected sports shops in the United Kingdom. To find your nearest shop, phone the Asics Flora London Marathon hotline on 01925 417744.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

This is a hand from the London Easter Festival Teams. At first glance, West seems to have followed up a promising lead with a poor switch at trick two. On closer inspection, I think you can see that East was at fault.

Dealer North **East-West vulnerable.** **IMPs**

North:
♠ Q 8 7 2
♥ 6 5
♦ 8 4
♣ A Q 8 6 2

West:
♠ K 3
♥ A 8 3
♦ Q J 9 6 2
♣ K 5 4

East:
♠ 5
♥ Q J 10 9 7 2
♦ K 10 5
♣ J 10 7

South:
♠ A J 10 9 6 4
♥ K 4
♦ A 7 3
♣ 9 3

W	N	E	S
Townsend	Clack	Allerton	Su Burn
—	Pass	2 H (1)	2 S
3 H	4 S	All Pass	

Contract: Four Spades by South. *Lead: queen of diamonds*

(1)Two Hearts was a Weak Two.

West held trick one with the queen of diamonds. He then followed with the ace of hearts, greeted with a rather sarcastic queen (well, that was West's description to me of how East played it). The queen denied the king — remember, when you signal with an honour, always play the top of a sequence. Declarer's only subsequent loser was in trumps, so Four Spades made.

In the post-mortem West observed that declarer could always make Four Spades, against any defence at trick two, by establishing dummy's clubs. What is more, East had missed a chance to beat the contract. East might have asked himself why West had declined to lead the partnership suit, hearts; he should have concluded that it was because West had the unsupported ace, definitely a no-no lead.

In that case it was imperative for East to gain the lead. The way to do that was by overtaking the queen of diamonds with the king. If declarer ducks, East switches to the queen of hearts. If she takes the ace of diamonds, West can underlead to East's ten of diamonds to get the heart return after he wins the king of spades.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HOOSIER
a. More pious
b. A merchant venturer
c. From *Indiana*

NGARARA
a. A very short Hawaiian skirt
b. An extinct lizard
c. A Maori peace dance

KLETTERSCHUH
a. A boot
b. An Arts movement
c. An organ stop

MARRI
a. The red gum
b. Initiation through fire
c. A sand eel

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Tilburg

Having maintained the lead from the start, Garry Kasparov, the world champion, faltered in the closing rounds and allowed his two closest rivals to catch up with him at the Tilburg tournament in Holland. In the final round, Kasparov could only draw against Lautier while Kramnik defeated Van Wely and Swidler beat Onischuk. The final outcome was a triple tie for first prize.

A win by one of the trio of first prize winners.

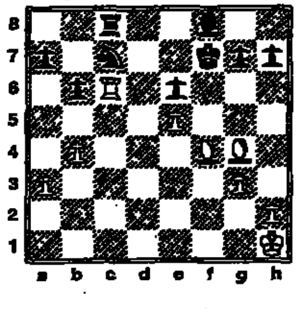
White: *Vladimir Kramnik*
Black: Loek Van Wely

Tilburg, October 1997

Queen's Indian Defence

1	Nf3	Nf6
2	c4	b6
3	g3	Bb7
4	*Bg2*	e6
5	0-0	Be7
6	d4	0-0
7	Re1	d5
8	cxd5	exd5
9	Nc3	Nbd7
10	Bf4	Ne4
11	Qc2	c5
12	dxc5	Bxc5
13	Nxe4	dxe4
14	Ng5	Nf6
15	Nxe4	Bxe4
16	Bxe4	Qd4
17	Bf3	Qxf2+
18	Kh1	Rac8
19	Rf1	Qd4
20	Rad1	Qb4
21	a3	Qb5
22	Qf5	Qa4
23	e4	Qc2
24	Rd2	Qc4
25	Rfd1	Qe6
26	Qxe6	fxe6
27	e5	Ne8
28	Bg4	Nc7
29	b4	Be7
30	Rd7	Rf7
31	Rc1	Bf8
32	Rxf7	Kxf7
33	Rc6	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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Tilburg final crosstable

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Pts
1 Svidler	—	1	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	8
2 Kasparov	0	—	½	½	1	1	1	½	1	½	1	1	8
3 Kramnik	½	½	—	½	½	½	1	1	1	½	1	1	8
4 Adams	½	½	½	—	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	7
5 Leko	½	0	½	½	—	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	7
6 Polgar	½	0	½	½	½	—	1	½	½	1	½	½	6
7 Shirov	0	0	0	½	½	0	—	½	1	1	½	1	5
8 Lautier	½	½	0	0	0	½	½	—	½	0	1	1	4½
9 Van Wely	½	0	0	½	0	½	0	½	—	½	1	1	4½
10 Onischuk	0	½	½	0	½	0	0	1	½	—	½	½	4
11 Piket	0	0	0	½	0	½	½	0	0	½	—	½	2½
12 Shaked	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	½	½	—	1½

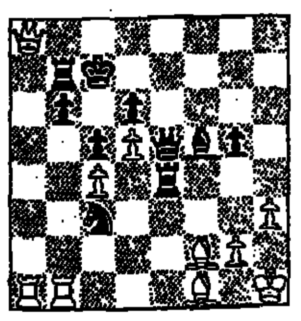
In the above table, 1 represents a win, ½ a draw and 0 a loss

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Milov — Huss, German League 1997.

After a long struggle, Black has centralised his forces while White has made inroads on the queenside. However, White's progress proved the more relevant. Can you see why?



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Adams and Hoddle reborn in Roman amphitheatre

Gladiators hardened by the inner conflict

SIMON BARNES

Midweek View

If this column has a motto or moral, it is that sport does not build character. Sport *reveals* character. But *how much? And how clearly?* That depends on the sport, the athlete and the observer. And if you ever find yourself surprised by an athlete, you must look to the quality of the athlete newly revealed to you and to the quality of your own observations.

Thoughts that occurred to me at the conclusion of the apocalyptic football match against Italy in Rome on Saturday, an evening that forced us to conclude that there is more to some people than we had bargained for. In particular, to Tony Adams, centre half and once the *lad ladorum* of English football; and Glenn Hoddle, once condemned to the purely decorative role of English football's artist-in-residence.

Few things gave me greater pleasure last week than to read that Adams is doing English literature GCSE. He is reading *Romeo and Juliet*, Hardy and Keats. He is learning to play the piano. Your traditional Arsenal footballer would sooner walk down Seven Sisters Road in a frock.

Adams epitomised the Arsenal of old: swaggering brutalism; pragmatism run riot; a brotherhood of lads. Adams was the centre half's centre half, running away from the ball with his hand in the air, heading every ball that was above knee height, occasionally forced to kick one, to the traditional donkey chorus of disdain, and trotting up for set-pieces at which, as a radio commentator once remarked: He Aw-, He Aw-, He *always* scored those crucial goals.

Adams embodied other traditional aspects of football, namely the drinking part. He went to prison for drink-driving, once doused diners with a fire extinguisher in a pizza restaurant. But then came a moment when the Keatsian of the future looked *upon himself with* a wild surmise. And decided that enough was enough.

He told his team-mates and then the world that he was an alcoholic. Came off the stuff. Thus far — one day at a time, the traditional, indeed, the only route available to him, or at least, the only forward-facing one — he has stayed off it. And he is a better footballer than before under the new Arsenal, and for that matter, *the new England.*

Thus he links the old and the new traditions of the football of both his club and his country. He has done so by reinventing himself and by playing the piano a bit. This would have seemed absurd in his car-smashing days, but then it is the prescriptive right of all human beings to reinvent themselves. Indeed, the human who has never done so is a very poor one.

We all of us know the *woman of adventurous past* who becomes the perfect wife and mother. The fact that a person can live in one way, and then in another way, is a constant bafflement to some people, but practically all of us do it. Getting married, having children: these are fresh starts for most people. To take on, or to abandon an addiction, or another all-consuming way of life such as a cult or a religion, is another common form of life change. A new job — or in my own case, the losing of one — is a frequent turning point.

> 'They stand transformed as products of their own will'

We choose, or have chosen for us, another way of living, but we remain the same person. In a way we become more like ourselves than we were before — Tony Adams and Neo-Platonism, if you like. The crashed motor car, the foaming restaurant, the confession. All these were steps on the road that led to Rome, to which Adams rode not charioted by Bacchus and his pards, but on the viewless wings of poesy.

Hoddle, too, has reinvented himself and seems, only seems, to have changed. As a player, he was considered a footballing exquisite, a man lacking the toughness to cut it at the very highest level. Now he is exposed before the world as the person he really is, a very tough one indeed, hard, clever, ruthless. Hoddle the player was always seen as an alien, a cuckoo in the nest of English football. His football team played on Saturday with a cold purpose, the like of which I have never seen in an England football team before.

Was this hardness always there? Or has Hoddle recreated himself? Partly it is clear that Hoddle has trained on, as racing people say, as a competitor and as a human being. But you can't invent hardness where no hardness was before. Hoddle, Adams, both stand transformed before us as products of their own determination and their own will. And also as the persons they always were. They are now more like themselves than ever they were before. And it is sport that reveals this.

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Adams, above, shows the determination in the charged atmosphere of Rome that he foreshadowed when emotionally confessing to his problems with alcohol

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SNOOKER

Fracture leads to big break

By Phil Yates

MANY players are inspired to take up snooker by television coverage; others begin as children when given a miniature table for Christmas. Alfie Burden, 20, who was in outstanding form on the opening day of the Grand Prix in Bournemouth yesterday, took a decidedly more unconventional route.

Burden's 5-2 victory over Graeme Dott, of Scotland, which included a 143 total clearance, a personal best in professional competition, came five years after it seemed that he had lost his big chance of a future in sport because of an injury that prevented him from fulfilling his undoubted potential in football.

Having impressed Arsenal and Swindon Town as a schoolboy, Burden broke a leg in three places and was on crutches for four months. The injury was so severe that it ended his hopes of gracing the Premiership. Instead of bemoaning such cruel luck, however, he switched his attention to snooker.

"I used to play socially once a week but within six months of taking up the game seriously I was England Under-17 champion," Burden said. "That was heartening and I knew then I was good enough to turn professional."

Burden: total clearance

While there has been the isolated burst of excellence from Burden during the three years he has been playing in world-ranking tournaments — and unsolicited praise from Stephen Hendry — inconsistency has limited his impact.

For example, in the qualifying phase of the Grand Prix last year, he compiled three century breaks yet still lost 5-3 to Dylan Leary.

"If that match taught me one thing it was not to get so uptight," Burden, who also had runs of 69, 70 and 108 against Dott, said. "I'm determined to enjoy my snooker like I did my football. There's no point in putting yourself under too much pressure."

Burden, the world No 122, from Harrow, certainly appears to be benefiting from his relaxed approach. He survived the mental rigours of a qualifying school for world-ranking events at Plymouth in August and needs only to defeat Gary Wilson today in order to secure a television debut.

Euan Henderson, who defied odds of 100-1 to reach the final last year, beat Sean Storey 5-1 on his return to the scene of his greatest triumph.

Matthew Stevens, another with fond memories of the venue after his first-round win over Hendry 12 months ago, also advanced by beating Mark Gray 5-3. Stevens had runs of 52, 64, 80 and 44.

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WORD-WATCHING

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HOOSIER

(c) A nickname for a native or inhabitant of the state of Indiana. Hence an inexperienced, awkward or unsophisticated person. Origin unknown. "Old King is one of the most perfect samples of a Hoosier Texan I have met with. Fat, chubby, ignorant, and as loquacious as Sancho Panza, we could believe nothing he said."

NGARARA

(b) A name used for various extinct, unidentified, New Zealand lizards. Also, in Maori mythology, a lizard-like monster. The Maori name.

KLETTERSCHUH

(a) A cloth or felt-soled worn especially for rock-climbing, usually in the plural. Sometimes colloquially abbreviated to *klets*.

MARRI

(a) A Western Australian red gum tree, *Eucalyptus calophylla*, or its timber. The Aboriginal name. "The marri or red gum has its home in southwestern Australia. It becomes 150ft tall with a trunk 5ft in diameter. Its flowers, in large decorative terminal clusters, are cream-coloured or pink: they produce abundant nectar."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rxb6! and now 1 ... Kxb6 allows 2 Qa5 mate, while 1 ... Rxb6 loses to 2 Ra7+. Black tried 1 ... Bc8 but resigned after 2 Rc6+.

TELEVISION CHOICE

Game girl's task

Dr Gladys Kalema at work (BBC1, 7pm)

Animal People: Gladys — the African Vet
BBC1, 7.00pm

Dr Gladys Kalema is 26 and has just qualified as a vet in London. But despite her youth and lack of experience, she has taken on the daunting job of assuming responsibility for the entire wildlife of her native Uganda. Moreover, she is working almost single-handed in a country larger than the United Kingdom. Her task is all the more difficult because 30 years of civil war and poaching have left Uganda with pitifully little wildlife to preserve. Dr Gladys must try to reverse this decline and build up stocks. The film follows one of her more spectacular projects. With giraffes down to fewer than 100, Dr Gladys must go across the border to Kenya for animals which, she hopes, will eventually produce new herds. But first the giraffes have to be caught and put on a plane, a more hazardous process than it might seem.

Into the Blue
ITV, 8.00pm

Robert Goddard's novel has been turned into a middling thriller which picks up after a slow start and explodes into a climax of such frenetic complexity that it is easy to lose track of who is doing what to whom. The scenario, essentially, is that old standby about the man wrongly suspected of murder who has to find out what really happened in order to clear his name. The task falls to our old friend John Thaw, playing a bankrupt reduced to working as a waiter on the island of Rhodes. We first meet him sharing a bed with the delightful but mysterious Heather (Abigail Cruttenden). She then disappears, leaving our hero to face awkward questions from the police. The action moves back to England, mostly Cambridge, and a disgraced politician (Matthew Marsh) emerges as prime suspect. Plot dominates character in a ratio of roughly nine to one.

The Nazis — A Warning From History
BBC2, 9.00pm

Laurence Rees starts his final programme, as he has opened all the others, with a question. If the Italians, who realised that the war had been a disaster, could ditch their leader and sue for peace, why did the Germans not do the same? After all, by the end of 1943, Hitler had not only lost his Italian ally but the Soviet Army was advancing relentlessly from the east and D-Day was only months away. But Hitler was more difficult to get rid of than Mussolini, as the July 1944 plotters discovered. Moreover, surrender to the Bolsheviks was unthinkable. As throughout this impressive series, the narrative is studded with first-hand accounts, many from former Nazis who even now have few qualms. Hitler had an extraordinary capacity for inspiring loyalty, and in an unnerving way he still does.

Witness: The Great Hatred
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The IRA and Sinn Fein have been accused of many things but until now racism and anti-Semitism have not figured prominently among them. Simon Sebag-Montefiore feels it is time to set the record straight. He is not a disinterested party. His forebears were Russian Jews who fled persecution at home, only to find it in Ireland. They were hounded out of Limerick in a 1904 pogrom inspired by the anti-Semitism of Arthur Griffith, founder of Sinn Fein. Sebag-Montefiore continues his theme by tracing the collaboration between the IRA and Nazi Germany during the Second World War, though apologists say it was more anti-British than anti-Jew. Furthermore, Sebag-Montefiore claims a direct link between the Limerick pogrom and the intolerant sectarianism of today. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Richard Attenborough: My Life in Film
Radio 2, 10.00pm

When this series began it looked at face value suspiciously like a hagiography: indeed, given that the presenter is Attenborough, it could hardly have been anything else. Yet the series has turned out to be compelling, and not the least of the reasons is that the listener is swept along by Attenborough's sheer passion. Tonight he tells the story of *Gandhi*, the film that was perhaps his finest hour. Film buffs will know already, but I was unaware of the opposition that Attenborough encountered in the industry when he sought the money to make the film. Most leading studios turned him down, some did not appear to have heard of Gandhi, others who had could not imagine how his life could make a film.

The New Face of Germany
Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only)

Caroline Wyatt lived for several years in Berlin but is now in Bonn as the BBC correspondent there. Berlin and Bonn are very different cities and the attitudes of people in each towards the other vary from mild hostility to indifference. That oddity is merely one of a hundred ways in which the strength of the regions is demonstrated in Germany to a far greater extent than in the UK. This new series takes Wyatt on a journey around Germany in an attempt to understand how the country really works and how regional ties interact with the national identity. Many of the voices Wyatt hears are questioning and full of self-doubt, in contrast to the external perception of a confident, even arrogant, people. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley. Includes **12.30pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Radcliffe **4.00** Dave Pearce **5.15** Newsbeat **5.30** Steve Lamacq: Evening Session **8.30** Trade Update **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Mary Anne Hobbs **1.00am** Clive Warren **4.00** Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Nick Barraclough **8.00** Folk on 2 with Jim Lloyd **9.00** Pipes and Pastures (2/3) **9.30** The Guns of Navarone Part two **10.00** Richard Attenborough: My Life in Film. See Choice **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine with Nicky Campbell **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide with Julian Worricker **7.00** News Extra **7.30** John Inverdale's Football Night. Coverage of the night's top action, including the National Lottery Live **10.00** Littlejohn **11.00** News Extra with David McNeil **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night with Rhod Sharp **5.00** Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

5.00am Jeremy Clark **7.00** Chris Evans **10.00** (FM) Robin Banks (AM) Graham Dene **1.00pm** (FM) Nick Abbot (MW) Nicky Horne **4.00** Russ 'n' Jono **7.00** (FM) Paul Coyte (AM) Calmin Jones **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **9.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

5.00am Newsday **5.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sports International **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf: The Portrait of a Lady **8.30** Meridian Live **9.00** News; News in German (648 only) **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** The Farming World **10.30** Science File **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** One Planet **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Sports International **1.00** News; News in German (648 only) **1.05** World Business Report **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Wildtrack **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Megamix **4.00** News **4.05** Sports Roundup **4.15** Performance **4.30** Everywoman; News in German (648 only) **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** From Our Own Correspondent; News in German (648 only) **6.45** Sports Roundup **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** The Works **8.00** News **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack X-Press **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** On Screen **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** The World Today **11.45** Sports Roundup **12.00** News **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack X-Press **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From Our Own Correspondent **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Omnibus **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Meridian Books **4.00** News **4.05** World Business Report **4.15** Sports Roundup **4.30** Europe Today **5.00** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly. Includes Record of the Week featuring the best of the new releases **1.00pm** Listener Request Hour with Jane Jones **2.00** Concerto. Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor) **3.00** Nick Bailey **7.00** Newsnight with John Brunning **7.30** Sonata. Saint-Saëns (Clarinet Sonata) **8.00** Evening Concert. Introduced by Richard Baker. Includes Wagner (Prelude and Isolde's Liebestod); Brahms (Double Concerto for Violin and Cello in A minor); Rachmaninov (Vocalise); Liszt (Dante Sonata); Tchaikovsky (Symphonic Fantasia after Dante; Francesca da Rimini) **10.00** Michael Mappin. Includes at 11.35 Nocturne **2.00am** Concerto (r) **3.00** Mark Griffiths

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes W F Bach (Harpsichord Concerto in D); Fauré (Masques et Bergamasques); Copland (Morning on the Ranch, The Red Pony); Bach (Sonata in G); Paganini (Caprice in A minor); Rachmaninov (Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday. Includes Handel (Concerto Grosso in F); Berwald (Piano Quintet No 1 in C minor); Bizet (Suite L'Arlesienne)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Includes Bizet (Seguidilla, Carmen); Rodrigo (Concierto andaluz); Schubert (Die Junge Nonne); Taffanel (Fantasia on Jean de Nivelle); Bach (Oboe and Violin Concerto); Roussel (Concerto); Schubert (Ellens Gesang III); Rossini/Liszt (La Danza); Borne (Carmen Fantasy)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Glinka
1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Douglas Boyd, oboe, Sue Tomes, piano. Koechlin (Sonata); Poulenc (Nocturnes Nos 1, 2, 4, 5, 7); Saint-Saëns (Oboe Sonata in D)
2.00 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Telephone 0171-765 4308 with your requests
4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from Chichester Cathedral
5.00 In Tune, with Sean Rafferty. Includes the pianist Arcady Volodos performing Horowitz arrangements and Heifetz playing Korngold's violin concerto with the Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra
7.30 Performance on 3. Julie Varady, soprano, Ann Murray, mezzo, Siegfried Jerusalem, tenor, Kurt Azesberger, tenor, Alan Opie, baritone, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, narrator, BBC Symphony Chorus, Philharmonia Chorus, BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis. Schoenberg (Gurrelieder)
9.45 Postscript: Poets Fan Mail. Glyn Maxwell writes a letter to to Edward Thomas (3/5)
10.00 Ensemble. Penny Gore introduces a recital by the Skampa Quartet and the pianist Nikolai Demidenko. Schubert (Quartettsatz in C minor); Shostakovich (Piano Quintet)
10.45 Night Waves, with Humphrey Carpenter. Includes news of the world premiere, in Glasgow, of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's new choral piece, *The Rising*, written to commemorate the Jacobite rebellion. Plus a look at the recent flood of books and studies on Oscar Wilde
11.30 Composers of the Week: Dufay, Binchois and Their Contemporaries (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. The trumpeter Buddy Childers talks to Steve Voce
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes 1.00 Prizewinners' concert from the 1997 Prague Spring Festival. Alessio Allegrini, horn, Christophe Forster (Horn Concerto No 1); Daniel Breszynski, trombone. Josef Matej (Trombone Concerto); Gabor Boldoczki, trumpet. Haydn (Trumpet Concerto in E flat); Hermine May, mezzo, Dietrich Henschel, baritone, Fritz Schwinghammer and Michael Endres, piano. Loewe (Piano Sonata); Agnette (Gregor auf dem Stein; Mazeppa) **3.00** Schools **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.45** Tips from Women Gardeners (3/5) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with the *Times* columnist Libby Purves and her guest, Les Murray
10.00 (FM) News; The New Face of Germany. See Choice (1/4)
10.00 (LW) Daily Service 10.15 (LW) On This Day
10.30 Woman's Hour. Introduced by Jenni Murray. Includes the short story *Jamie*, from the collection *Gravity*, written by the *Times* literary editor Erica Wagner. Read by Nigel Anthony
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm Eastern Mix. The final episode of Philip Afshar's comedy drama (6/6) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The House in Gallows Lane. The conclusion of Peter Ling's drama, adapted from the book *Till Death Do Us Part*, by John Dickson Carr. With Donald Sinden and John Hartley
2.45 News; Letters from Here and There. The novelist Rose Tremain writes home from Paris (6/6)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini reviews the new film about Oscar Wilde, starring Stephen Fry, and considers the history of the road movie
4.45 Short Story: Mother of the Bride, by Angela Huth. Read by Angela Barlow
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Round Britain Quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts, with John Waite (r)
7.45 North and South: Travels Along the Irish Border. The writer Colm Toibin visits the lakelands of Fermanagh
8.15 Glen to Glen. Rafferty and Cherrie McIlwaine visit Castle Leslie in Co Monaghan
8.45 Icebergs and Swamps. Professor Heinz Wolff traces the experiments of William Henry Fox Talbot, the father of modern photography (3/4)
9.00 Action Reaction. Sue Blackmore chairs a scientific debate at Queen's University in Belfast (5/5)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Story of Mr Sommer, by Patrick Suskind (1/3)
11.00 The Shuttleworths. The comedy series written and performed by Graham Fellows
11.15 Grievous Bodily Radio. A comedy series by Jon Holmes and Andy Hurst's. With Peter Serafinowicz, Emma Clarke and Mike Chequer (2/6)
11.30 (FM Only from 11.45) My Life as a Car. The second of Mark Wallington's six-part comedy series (r)
11.45 (LW) Today in Parliament
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Drowned World, by J.G. Ballard. Read by Nicholas Farrell (6/10) (r)
12.48 (LW) Shipping Forecast
1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2:** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO.** MW 1053, 1089.
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Strictly personal view of the Great Storm

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

As I was on the Isle of Man on the night of October 16, 1987, the Great Storm rather passed me by. I remember it because I was there on a press trip looking at off-shore something-or-others with a small party of journalists that included Rebecca Stephens. She would go on to become the first British woman to climb Everest and I would go on to watch a huge amount of television. Funny thing, destiny.

Anyway, the first sign I had that elsewhere the weather had gone seriously amiss came when I switched on the hotel television (even in those days a remote was never far from hand) and discovered breakfast television, apparently broadcasting by candle-light. Later that day, a taxi-ride from Heathrow to Docklands (pre-stock market crash you could claim those sort of expenses) provided an unforgettable Pepys's progress through battered London.

Last night **The Great Storm: a 999 Special** (BBC1) provided a rather different reminder, in a programme which, by concentrating on the human dramas of the night and virtually ignoring the sheer physical damage, gave a slightly incomplete picture of what happened. By concentrating on the human dramas that had a relatively happy ending, it also gave us a typically *999* picture of history.

Nineteen people died and 15 million trees blew down in a matter of hours, but they would have to wait for another sort of documentary — *999* is about optimism and overcoming impossible odds. As ever, it proved an effective mix despite the problems of reducing 14 million personal memories down to a handful of skilful reconstructions.

We had the man whose caravan converted to flat-pack assembly while he and his wife were inside it; we had the inevitable birthing drama and the baby girl inevitably christened Gayle, and we had the Jersey woman thrown over a balcony by a wind that she described as not so much a gust as a presence. With the now ritual humiliation of Michael Fish tossed in for free, it was good television but television that perhaps hadn't provided the comprehensive account that the tenth anniversary required. Mind you, I wasn't there.

To my surprise, **Network First: Living with Grace** (ITV) turned out to be even better television. On paper, it looked like cheap opportunism, the death of one charismatic Princess offering the chance to linger over the strikingly similar death of another, Princess Grace of Monaco. But, within a few seconds of Zoë Wanamaker's narration getting under way, it was clear we were watching a programme that had been months in the making and not mere weeks. Popular documentary-making does not get much better than this and its makers must be aggrieved not to be rewarded with an earlier slot. Had they packed it with the sort of sexual revelation that has characterised most recent accounts of Grace Kelly's Hollywood career, no doubt they would have. But if alluding to it rather than revelling in it was what ensured that an extraordinary story would be told — in the main — by those who witnessed it, it was a price worth paying. A sister, two bridesmaids, a lover, a walker — this was a top-notch documentary cast.

The picture of Kelly that emerged was inevitably affectionate and theatrical (I wondered how many times the wedding had been described a "a co-production between MGM and God"?) but it also seemed to be reasonably honest, fairly human and wonderfully interesting. No doubt there are those of you who knew all about the disagreement between Aristotle Onassis and Prince Rainier as to how the fortunes of the principality might best be revived, but it was news to me. As indeed was the fact that if things had gone just a little differently, it could easily have been Princess Marilyn of Monaco.

As the programme headed towards its unhappy conclusion, there were the echoes of more recent events, in particular in a letter Prince Rainier wrote to his public relations man complaining about the curse of mini tape-recorders and giant telephoto-lenses. "I don't hate, I despise," he concluded. I look forward to next week's second instalment, although with the star now gone, it may have trouble sustaining the level of interest that last night's managed so impressively.

Home-grown drama remains something of a rarity on Sky 1, making the launch of just about anything an occasion of note. The thing to note about **Dream Team**, however, is that it's actually quite good. It's also perhaps the first television series about football that has been written not for people who like drama but people who like football. To that end it has some of the most convincing footballing scenes I've seen on television, helped by computer effects that can turn the blue shirts of Leicester City into the purple of Harchester United and by a young cast chosen for their footballing skills rather their acting talent.

The quick among you will have realised that there is a downside to this last point, but on the evidence of this opening episode, not a serious one. The acting in the not wholly dissimilar *Hollyoaks*, the Channel 4 teen soap, was no great shakes when it started and yet it now has a strong following among its youthful target audience. *Dream Team* could easily emulate that success.

As for securing the services of the real-life Ron Atkinson as manager of Harchester, it was a masterstroke. Mind you, after last night's 2-1 defeat by Chelsea, how long will he last? I think he can expect to receive the full backing of the chairman at any moment.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (42863)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (82649115)
9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (3724399)
9.30 Style Challenge (4976509)
9.55 Kilroy (T) (6955496)
10.35 Change That (8256196)
11.00 News (T) and weather (7638592)
11.05 The Really Useful Show (T) (7678318)
11.35 Room for Improvement The home of designer John Rocha (r) (3686689)
12.00 News (T) and weather (8011641)
12.05pm Call My Bluff (7791318)
12.35 Going for a Song (5473979)
1.00 News (T) and weather (17080)
1.30 Regional News (T) (73515467)
1.40 The Weather Show (82284450)
1.45 Neighbours (T) (71231979)
2.10 Quincy (r) (8253825)
3.00 Through the Keyhole (r) (1405202)
3.25 The Really Useful Show (4862318)
3.30 Playdays (r) (8977405) **3.50** ChuckleVision (r) (8957641) **4.10** Get Your Own Back (T) (6134405) **4.35** Out of Tune (T) (8772370) **5.00** Newsround (T) (2053009) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (9452134)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (466009)
6.00 News (T) and weather (844)
6.30 Regional News (T) (196)
7.00 Animal People The work of Uganda's recently installed 26-year-old chief wildlife vet, Gladys Kalema (T) (9028)
7.30 Tomorrow's World: Tomorrow's Babies A special report on the future of human reproduction (T) (680)
8.00 Crimebeat Martyn Lewis investigates how crime rates in Teesside and Northumbria have been dramatically cut (T) (8776)
8.30 The National Lottery Live The actress Kate Beckinsale presses the all-important button. Music is provided by Passion Star (T) (858467)
8.45 Points of View (T) (121825)
8.55 Party Political Broadcast By the Conservative Party (T) (352134)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (T) and regional news and weather (3825)
9.29 National Lottery Update (309202)
9.30 The X Files: Sanguinarium A cosmetic surgeon's claim to have been possessed during a hideously unsuccessful operation leaves Scully typically unconvinced (T) (609912)
10.15 Chalk Eric lands himself on the wrong side of the school's only bright spark (T) (124080)
10.45 Blindsided (1993) with Jeff Fahey, Mia Sara, Jack Kehler and Brad Hunt. Steamy thriller about a cop, blinded by a sadistic crook during a drugs raid. Directed by Tom Donnelly (478347) **WALES: 10.45** A Touch of Classics (163979) **11.15** FILM: Blindsided (555196) **12.15am** FILM: Moving Target (1988) (121871) **1.45** Weather (1763871)
12.15am Moving Target (1988) Thriller, with Jason Bateman, Tom Skerritt and Jack Wagner. Directed by Chris Thomas (T) (121871)
1.45 Weather (1763871)

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BBC2

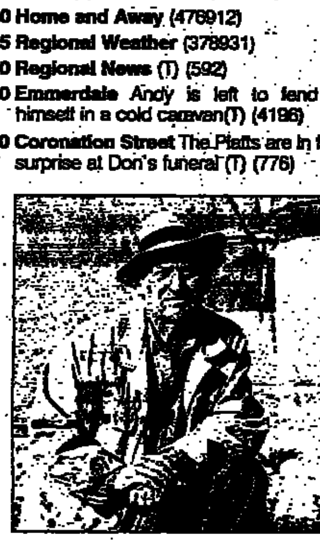
6.00am Technology: Seeing Through Mathematics (T) (63844) **6.30** The Front Desk (T) (18221)
7.00 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (9558776)
7.15 Teletubbies (r) (6861196) **7.40** Smurfs' Adventures (r) (4238863) **8.05** The Really Wild Show (r) (T) (7990863) **8.30** Penny Crayon (r) (7364912) **8.40** Tales of Aesop (r) (2534399) **8.45** Harry and the Hendersons (r) (T) (9550283)
9.10 What? Where? When? Why? (3471318) **9.25** English Express (7009467) **9.45** Words and Pictures (8567844) **10.00** Teletubbies (12383) **10.30** Numbertime (6610757) **10.45** Cats' Eyes (6608912) **11.00** Around Scotland (5210080) **11.20** Geography Programme (8289283) **11.40** Revista (9201318) **11.55** Quinze Minutes Plus (7489414) **12.10pm** Isabel Little (5790028) **12.30** Working Lunch (15047)
1.00 Noddy (32396660) **1.10** The Countryside Hour: An underwater view in the Lake District (7587467)
2.10 Indoor Bowls: Bupa Open The first of today's best-of-five-sets second round matches from the Guild Hall in Preston (38529318)
5.50 Lifeline (r) (T) (128863)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (r) (T) (210554)
6.45 Sliders (r) (T) (442486)
7.30 Conjuring Shakespeare Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*. Last in series (950)
8.00 University Challenge Christ Church, Oxford v the Open University (T) (6318)
8.30 The Antiques Show Investments; a country house sale; vintage motorbikes; Muhammad Ali's robe (T) (5825)

The Red Army takes Danzig (9.00pm)

9.00 The Nazis: A Warning from History How racial hatred fuelled Nazi Germany's will to fight on in spite of mounting odds favouring its defeat (T) (326641)
9.50 The Rugby Club Bath drop out of the European Cup, deepening the club's financial crisis (T) (867009)
10.28 Video Nation Shorts (530405)
10.30 Political Broadcast: Conservative (T) (492134)
10.35 Newsnight (T) (729680)
11.20 Over the Edge A thalidomide artist revisits her unusual childhood (151405)
11.55 Close-Up The film director Alex Cox chooses a scene from the classic monster movie *King Kong* (r) (350979)
12.05am Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (r) (4391622)
12.30 Learning Zone: The Making of Kate Adie (1846790) **12.45** Environment (T) (1414036) **1.10** Desertification: A Threat to Peace? (2136055) **1.35** Management of Nuclear Waste (4976054) **2.00** Moving to English/Teaching Today (38245) **4.00** Languages: Breaking the Silence (18697) **5.00-5.30** RCN Nursing Update (39784)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (4979318)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (3713283)
9.55 Regional News (5884295)
10.00 The Time, the Place (12329)
10.30 This Morning (T) (77595825)
12.20pm Regional News (8017825)
12.30 News (T) and weather (5469776)
12.55 Shortland Street (5444467) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (76804554) **1.50** Remote Control Cooking (T) (71207912) **2.20** Vanessa (T) (74420486) **2.50** The Natural Health Show (9297134)
3.20 News (T) (4858115)
3.25 Regional News (T) (4857486)
3.30 Tots TV (8971047) **3.40** The Parkies (9464318) **3.50** The New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (r) (1244329) **4.20** Extreme Ghostbusters (T) (6125757) **4.45** It's a Mystery (T) (8796950)
5.10 WALES: What's My Line? (3843047)
5.10 No Naked Flames: The Work Experience (3843047)
5.40 News (T) and weather (625825)
6.00 Home and Away (476912)
6.25 Regional Weather (378931)
6.30 Regional News (T) (592)
7.00 Emmerdale Andy is left to fend for himself in a cold caravan(T) (4196)
7.30 Coronation Street The Platts are in for a surprise at Don's funeral (T) (776)



John Thaw as Harry Barnett (8.00pm)

8.00 Into the Blue Thriller based on Robert Goddard's novel starring John Thaw (T) (9115)
10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party (241009)
10.05 News at Ten (T) National Lottery result and weather (562844)
10.35 Regional News and weather (110028)
10.45 WALES: My Shakespeare (665991)
10.45 West Match Plus (583979)
11.20 WALES: The Enemy Within (1994) with Forest Whitaker and Sam Waterson. Suspence drama in which a military coup threatens the United States of America. Directed by Jonathan Darby (904009)
11.45 Tropical Heat (r) (428689)
12.40am Movie Club (1803177)
1.10 Highway Patrol (2123581)
1.35 Hindle Wakes (1952) with Leslie Dwyer and Lisa Daniely. A lowly mill girl becomes involved with the boss's son while on holiday in Blackpool. Directed by Arthur Crabtree (4074968)
2.55 Jones and Jury (r) (5200351)
3.20 Japanese Grand Prix (5565264)
4.15 Breakaways (7606887l)
4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (51201245)
5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (26210)
5.30 News (82245)

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As HTV West except:
12.55pm A Country Practice (5444467)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3843047)
6.25-7.00 Central News (767047)
10.45 Central Sports Special (95412641)
12.20am Hitchcock Presents (3338210)
12.45 Film: Eye of the Cat (961993)
2.30 In Focus (5588210)
3.15 The Mysterious West (87392852)
3.40 The Good Sex Guide Late (6072503)
4.35 Central Jobfinder '97 (8263622)
5.20 Asian Eye (7984142)

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As HTV West except:
12.20pm Illuminations (8017825)
12.55 Home and Away (3914825)
1.20 Emmerdale (46593080)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3843047)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (10592)
10.45 Special Report (158047)
11.15 The Westcountry Match (525931)
12.10am The Making of Event Horizon (4202784)

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As HTV West except:
5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (3843047)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (912)
6.30-7.00 Put It to the Test (592)
10.40 The Baldyman (622912)
11.10 Live at Jongleurs (569370)
11.40 Beyond Reason (549776)
12.10am Meridian Masterclass (4202784)
5.00 Freescreen (26210)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.55 A Country Practice (5444467)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3843047)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (767047)
10.50 Midweek Kick-Off! (9329196)
12.15am Short Story Cinema (3308697)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (30931)
9.00 Ysgolion (127080)
11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (7028)
12.00pm Sesame Street (66283)
12.30 Ricki Lake (25365)
1.00 Slot Meithrin (32372080)
1.15 Tic Toc (32300863)
1.30 Film: Hobson's Choice (17738)
3.30 Collector's Lot (370)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (405)
4.30 Routes Around the World (689)
5.00 5 Pump (4395757)
5.15 Ffeil (2058554)
5.30 Countdown (641)
6.10 Heno (225486)
7.00 Pobol y Cwm (597399)
7.25 Ffermio (862486)
8.00 Gwaith Cartref (1486)
8.30 Newyddion (3221)
9.00 Prime Suspect (6405)
10.00 Brookside (718842)
10.35 Babylon 5 (280196)
11.30 Cybill (90825)
12.00am Fresh Pop (6274061)
12.05 Under the Moon (11767448)
4.30 Board Stupid (51446)
5.00 Screaming Reels (9752264)

5.55am Sesame Street (35573)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (30931)
9.00 Schools: Making Sense of Science (86047) **9.30** Good Health (8564757) **9.45** Book Box (8552912) **10.00** Stage Two Science (2310825) **10.15** Rat-A-Tat-Tat (2333776) **10.30** The Jacobites (T) (7466196) **10.50** Stop, Look, Listen (1711775) **11.00** First Edition (6203863) **11.15** The Mix (63826028)
11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Chicken soup; loin of lamb with Mediterranean vegetables; boureka cheese (T) (7028)
12.00 Sesame Street (66283) **12.30pm** Light Lunch (54301) **1.30** Upstairs and Downstairs. Animation (88684496)
1.35 Carmen Jones (1954) Updated version of Bizet and Merimée's *Carmen*, set in America with an all-black cast, starring Dorothy Dandridge, Harry Belafonte and Pearl Bailey. Directed by Otto Preminger (T) (40957950)
3.30 Collector's Lot (T) (370) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (405) **4.30** Countdown (T) (8773009) **4.55** Ricki Lake (T) (8692738) **5.30** Pet Rescue (T) (641)
6.00 The Cosby Show Despite his family's lack of confidence, Cliff puts his DIY skills to the test (r) (T) (554)
6.30 Roseanne Rosenne's parents arrive unexpectedly (r) (T) (134)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) Includes headlines and weather at **7.30** (221080)
7.50 Beyond the Booker Jonathan King offers his opinions on the literary prize (T) (296318)
8.00 Brookside Rachel teeters on the edge. Will Lindsay and Peter make the most of their time alone together? (T) (1486)
8.30 Out of Africa: Leatherbacks and Loggerheads Two of the rarest species of turtle manage to survive at Kosi Bay in Natal, South Africa, away from the interference of man (T) (3221)

Simon Sebag-Montefiore (9.00pm)

9.00 Witness: A Great Hatred Simon Sebag-Montefiore travels on a personal journey into Ireland and investigates the dark and shady past of Sinn Fein (T) (6405)
10.00 Prime Suspect (2/4) DI Jane Tennison inherits a seemingly open and shut murder investigation. With Helen Mirren and John Bowe (r) (2471405)
11.10 Babylon 5 Delenn works with a rival to stop a devastating civil war on Minbar (T) (524202)
12.05am Under the Moon Sports magazine presented by Danny Kelly and Tom Binns (11767449)
4.30 Board Stupid Snowboarding action (r) (51448)
5.00 Screaming Reels Angling magazine (r) (T) (1204968)
5.20 Scottish Writers: Iain Banks (2984993)

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
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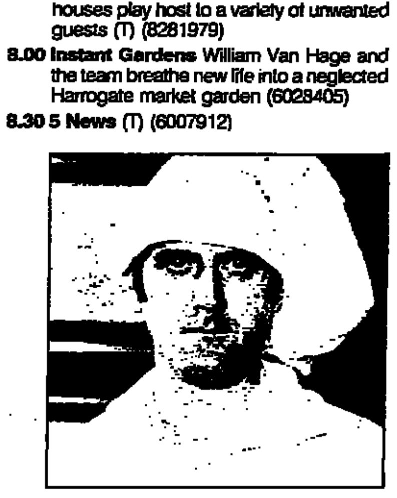
6.00am 5 News Early (2887283)
7.30 Milkshake (7300080) **7.35** USA High (r) (7960842) **8.00** Havakazoo (r) (8298979)
8.30 WideWorld Documentary series on the development of cities (11/12) (8280950)
9.00 Espresso Consumer magazine (5453931) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (6109554) **10.30** Vanessa's Day With (r) (T) (8277486)
11.00 Leeza Chat show (5016329) **11.50** Double Espresso (44185202) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8268738) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (8160569)
1.00 5 News Update (99051863) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (1218115) **2.00** 5's Company. Live entertainment show (4595221)
3.30 The Picasso Summer (1972) starring Albert Finney and Yvette Mimieux. A young couple's love of the works of Picasso sends them on a pilgrimage to meet the great man. Directed by Serge Bourguignon (3628080)
5.20 5's Company — Late Extra (55881689)
5.30 Whittle Audience participation quiz (T) (8264202)
6.00 100 Per Cent Hostless game show (8261115)
6.30 Family Affairs Chris has second thoughts (8252467)
7.00 Exclusive News from the world of entertainment; includes the growth of cartoons that appeal to adults (6019757)
7.30 Beastly Britain: Univited Guests How houses play host to a variety of unwanted guests (T) (8281979)
8.00 Instant Gardens William Van Hage and the team breathe new life into a neglected Harrogate market garden (6028405)
8.30 5 News (T) (6007912)



John Cleese in action (9.00pm)

9.00 And Now for Something Completely Different (1972) The *Monty Python* team star in a feature-length version of their successful television comedy series. Includes *The Parrot Sketch*, directed by Ian Macnaughtan (T) (67015844)
10.40 The Jack Docherty Show Comedy and chat (8272641)
11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H (7298863)
12.25am Live and Dangerous Includes baseball action from the Major League (26948719)
4.35 The Streets of San Francisco Police drama series (T) (8713448)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (5345968)

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (541931) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (12134) **10.00** Another World (71202) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (68738) **12.00** Oprah Winfrey (34196) **1.00pm** Geraldo (43844) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (57134) **3.00** Jenny Jones (48370) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (62405) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8573) **6.00** Dream Team (2883) **6.30** Married ... with Children (3115) **7.00** The Simpsons (7202) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9399) **8.00** Seventh Heaven (82757) **9.00** Pacific Palisades (96221) **10.00** L.A.P.D. (65080) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (72931) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (86808) **1.00am** Long Play (1383581)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Last Home Run (1996) (30460115) **7.50** Magic Island (1995) (12276115) **9.30** Sahara (1983) (58757) **11.30** The Pink Panther (1964) (96329) **1.30pm** Start the Revolution Without Me (1970) (96950) **3.00** The Last Home Run (1996) (71047) **5.00** Martha and Ethel (1995) (84080) **7.00** The Pink Panther (1964) (78115) **9.00** Before and After (1995) (70612) **11.00** Just Cause (1995) (830931) **12.45am** One Tough Bastard (1995) (3139887) **2.05** Les Patterson Saves the World (1987) (2707581) **3.05** Deadly Sins (1995) (28401907)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Goddess (1958) (34592) **8.00** Three Ninjas Knuckle Up (1995) (46028) **10.00** Head (1968) (57047) **12.00** It Should Happen to You (1954) (69970) **2.00pm** The Black Rose (1950) (87202) **4.00** Three Ninjas Knuckle Up (1995) (9047) **6.00** Friends at Last (1995) (97625) **8.00** The Ultimate Lie (1996) (79283) **10.00** Barb Wire (1996) ([illegible]) **11.40** An Element of Truth (1995) (322757) **1.15am** The Ultimate Lie (1996) (785239) **2.45** You Can't Hurry Love (1995) ([illegible]) **4.20** Little Orbit the Astrodog (1974) (922332)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Boeing Boeing (1965) (4545134) [illegible] (1988) (2074979) **11.45** Secret Ceremony (1968) (3633405) **1.35am** Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer: Murder Takes All (1989) (2093500) **3.15** Agatha Christie's Murder with Mirrors (1985) (4417603) **4.45** Close

TNT

9.00pm Key Largo (1948) ([illegible]) **11.00** Marlowe (1969) (64001318) **1.00am** The Secret Partner (1961) (53329516) **2.45** Key Largo (1948) (92131500) **5.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (18757) **7.30** Wrestling (80776) **8.30** Sports Centre (21757) **9.00** Racing News (12609) **9.30** Aerobics (58399) **10.00** Superbikes (61869) **12.00** Aerobics (25573) **12.30pm** Scottish Coca-Cola Cup Football (34883) **2.30** Footballers' Football Show (59912) **3.30** Powerboat and Jetski World (8825) **4.00** Pro Beach Soccer (17979) **5.00** Wrestling (4757) **6.00** Sports Centre (4009) **6.30** Futbol Mundial (8689) **7.00** Trans World Sport (37221) **8.00** World of Super League with Eddie and Stevo (24757) **10.00** Sports Centre (28202) **10.30** Futbol Mundial (35950) **11.00** Pro Beach Soccer (27405) **12.00** Sports Centre (72808) **12.30am** World of Super League with Eddie and Stevo (22158) **2.30** Sports Centre (73328) **3.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics Oz Style (2546978) **7.30** Sports Centre (2524486) **8.00** Racing News (9880370) **8.30** Fish TV (9303115) **9.30** World Windsurfing Tour (2061399) **10.00** Sports Unlimited (2513370) **11.00** Australian Rules Football (1881028) **1.00pm** Golf Extra (6596660) **4.30** Equestrianism (7113486) **6.00** Rebel Sports (2073134) **7.00** Sports Centre (5833328) **7.30** Live Coca-Cola Cup Football (3478912) **10.00** Golf Extra (7365863) **1.30am** Sports Centre (6329142) **2.00** Coca-Cola Cup Football (9169806) **3.30** Close

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00pm Wrestling: Shotgun Challenge (81522919) **1.00** Fish TV (89141580) **2.00** Sky Sports Gold (64084641) **3.30** Rugby Union (23915115) **5.30** Pool (35116776) **6.30** Golf: Euro Tour (97257912) **7.00** Fish TV ([illegible]) **8.00** Sport USA (43532793) **9.30** Beach Volleyball (80472478) **10.00** Sky Sports Gold (96597931) **11.30** Close

EUROSPORT

7.30am Football (15660) **8.00** Motorcycling (176009) **11.00** Wheelies (88467) **11.30** Football (97757) **12.30pm** Tennis (47283) **1.00** Live Women's Tennis (642009) **4.00** Motors (17115) **5.30** Live Women's Tennis (51028) **7.00** Live Tennis (23699) **9.00** Football (18196) **11.00** Trickshot (14863) **12.30am** Close

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (5063689) **7.35** Neighbours (8837028) **8.00** Crossroads (8790778) **8.25** EastEnders (3785115) **9.00** The Bill (1237221) **9.30** Howards' Way (4025825) **10.00** In Loving Memory (9739399) **10.30** The Sullivans (1233405) **11.00** Softly, Softly: Task Force (6756912) **12.00** Crossroads (57241047) **12.25pm** Neighbours (57244134) **12.55** EastEnders (1940047) **1.30** Hi-De-Hi (9208554) **2.10** Yes Minister (2342931) **2.50** Are You Being Served? (4277008) **3.30** The Bill (9327080) **4.00** Casualty (62854283) **5.05** EastEnders (9621573) **5.40** Bob's Full House (7941950) **6.25** That's Showbusiness (7870405) **7.00** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (7025202) **7.45** Don't Wait Up (5090115) **8.20** Yes Minister (1665680) **9.00** The Bill (1458009) **9.30** The Chief (69068318) **10.35** The Black Adder (1572115) **11.20** Sports Anorak of the Year (9384370) **11.50** Three of a Kind (9437365) **12.35am** Chancer (8798969) **1.30** Miami Vice (9145500) **2.20** Shopping (35881429)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am E! Celebrity Profile (4962912) **7.00** Coronation St (6244738) **7.30** Families (5258573) **8.00** Surprise Surprise (6991009) **9.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (7220979) **10.00** Mission Impossible (6252757) **11.00** Hawaii Five-O (6265221) **12.00** Coronation St (4301370) **12.30pm** Families (2466757) **1.00** Blind Date (2454912) **2.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (3869660) **3.00** The Grumbleweeds Radio Show (5620405) **3.30** Surgical Spirit (5115950) **4.00** Mission Impossible (3621863) **5.00** Hawaii Five-O (5611757) **6.00** Families (5111134) **6.30** Coronation St (5102486) **7.00** Blind Date (1837776) **8.00** Mission Impossible (1813196) **9.00** Coronation St (3627047) **9.30** The Comedians (2429221) **10.00** Hawaii Five-O (1835047) **11.00** Close

Meryl Streep, Liam Neeson in *Before and After* (Sky Movies, 9pm)

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo's Circus (81202) **6.30** Lamb Chop (95931) **7.00** Chip 'n' Dale (40979) **7.30** Quack Pack (29486) **8.00** Dinosaurs (55738) **8.30** Bonkers (54009) **9.00** Gummi Bears (78699) **9.30** Groundling Marsh (9985973) **9.55** Mouse and Mole (4380028) **10.00** Sesame Street (18370) **11.00** Winnie the Pooh (9688554) **11.15** Rosie and Jim (6402888) **11.40** Sing Me a Story (3223202) **12.00** Tots TV (58825) **12.30pm** The Big Garage (77406270) **12.45** Winnie the Pooh (72456775) **1.00** Sesame Street (44450) **2.00** Madisons Adventures (4912) **2.30** Care Bears (2660) **3.00** Tale Spin (3047) **3.30** Goof Troop (4405) **4.00** Timon and Pumbaa (3912) **4.30** Aladdin: The Series (9196) **5.00** Gargoyles (8592) **5.30** Dinosaurs (3776) **6.00** Blossom (7918) **6.30** Boy Meets World (4641) **7.00** Home Improvement (5028) **7.30** Wonder Years (7775) **8.00** FILM: Stepmonster (1994) (51673) **9.30** Dave's World (98931) **10.00** Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Dolly and His Friends (8626776) **6.30** Billy the Cat (2022134) **7.00** Pinocchio (6065405) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (6044912) **8.00** Beetleborgs (1030560) **8.30** Masked Rider (1039931) **9.00** The Magic Box (1020283) **9.30** Dudley the Dragon (5245347) **10.00** Inspector Gadget (2013486) **10.30** Samurai Pizza Cats (1026467) **11.00** Sweet Valley High (6053680) **12.00** Ace Ventura (1040047) **12.30pm** Casper (1645383) **1.00** The Tick (6064776) **1.30** Iron Man (2095824) **2.00** Fantastic Four (4738339) **2.30** Power Rangers Zeo (7315047) **3.00** Beetleborgs (4741134) **3.30** Masked Rider (7310592) **4.00** Ace Ventura (7306399) **4.30** Casper (7395283) **5.00** The Tick (4753979) **5.30** X Men (7319863) **6.00** Spiderman (7316776) **6.30** Sweet Valley High (7307028)

TCC

6.00am Happily Ever After (94776) **6.30** Bobby's World (81955) **7.00** Spirou (13825) **7.30** Dennis the Menace (25660) **8.00** Batman (51912) **8.30** The Bots Master (50283) **9.00** Art Attack (74863) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (87825) **10.00** Gravedale High (99757) **10.30** Flash Gordon (70047) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (39115) **11.30** The New Adventures of Gigantor (30844) **12.00** Gravedale High (61399) **12.30pm** The Bots Master (81641) **1.00** Batman (12196) **1.30** Eek the Cat (80912) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (7486) **2.30** Flash Gordon (5134) **3.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (9221) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (7979) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (6486) **4.30** Art Attack (5370) **5.00** Close

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NICKELODEON

6.00am Killer Tomatoes (49202) **6.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (76509) **7.00** Hey Arnold! (16399) **7.30** Rugrats (28134) **8.00** Doug (20028) **8.30** Country Mouse and City Mouse (29399) **9.00** CBBC (43979) **9.30** CBBC (49641) **10.00** Wimzie's House (85931) **10.30** Babar (32883) **11.00** Magic School Bus (84641) **11.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (85370) **12.00** Paddington Bear etc (23115) **12.30pm** Portland Bill etc (50757) **1.00** Dr Seuss (80270) **1.30** Little Bear Stories (59028) **2.00** Jim Henson's Animal Show (2912) **2.30** CBBC (7950) **3.00** CBBC (1047) **3.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters/Doug (6467) **4.00** Hey Arnold! (6202) **4.30** Rugrats (4486) **5.00** Sister Sister (6592) **5.30** Kenan and Kel (5738) **6.00** Sabrina the Teenage Witch (5979) **6.30** Kablam! (9931) **7.00** Close

TROUBLE

12.00pm Swan's Crossing (1219825) **12.30** Ready or Not (4021009) **1.00** Madison (6752196) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (4013080) **2.00** Saved by the Bell (9392134) **2.30** Swan's Crossing (9340931) **3.00** Blast (9371641) **3.30** Ready or Not (9352776) **4.00** Saved by the Bell (9331283) **4.30** USA High (9337467) **5.00** Hangtime (9383495) **5.30** Sweet Valley High (9351047) **6.00** Blast (9341660) **6.30** Madison (9332812) **7.00** Hangtime (9398950) **7.30** USA High (9338196) **8.00** Close

BRAVO

8.00pm The A-Team (9684554) **9.00** Crime Story (9604318) **10.00** Tour of Duty (9607405) **11.00** FILM: The Crazies (1973) (8126202) **1.00am** Crime Story (8698794) **2.00** Tour of Duty (3274993) **3.00** FILM: The Big Sleep (1978) (9981449) **5.00** The A-Team (5005852)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Grace Under Fire (3028) **7.30** Roseanne (5115) **8.00** Ellen (2776) **8.30** Cybill (1283) **9.00** Cheers (10805) **9.30** Taxi (63221) **10.00** Frasier (24844) **10.30** Terry and Julian (33592) **11.00** Gayle's World (838047) **11.25** Robin (721318) **11.30** Nightstand (81115) **12.00** Soap (70448) **12.30am** Bob (51871) **1.00** Entertainment UK (97887) **1.30** Taxi (36264) **2.00** Roseanne (1455332) **2.25** Robin (7632581) **2.30** Gayle's World (71968) **3.00** Fraser (45121) **3.30** Terry and Julian (68448) **4.00** Close

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Sightings (6208115) **9.00** FILM: The Running Man (1987) (6201202) **11.00** Friday the 13th (2594329) **12.00** Sightings (9718697) **1.00am** Twilight Zone (1304993) **1.30** Tales of the Unexpected (7749413) **2.00** Dark Shadows (8746245) **2.30** New Hitchcock (9852852) **3.00** Friday the 13th (1706581) **4.00** Close

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am Simply Painting (1235863) **9.30** Garden Calendar (4023467) **10.00** The Great Gardening Plot (9720641) **10.30** New Yankee Workshop (1231047) **11.00** Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (1467115) **11.30** Hometime (1468844) **12.00** Garden Doctors (1222399) **12.30pm** Two's Country (4027283) **1.00** Sweet Things (6758370) **1.30** Home Again (4026554) **2.00** Furniture on the Mend (9365080) **2.30** These Four Walls (9353405) **3.00** Two's Country (9384115) **3.30** The Old House (9358950)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Lonely Planet (1458467) **5.00** Connections (9389660) **5.30** Beyond 2000 (9357221) **6.00** Hunters (4035202) **7.00** Mysterious Universe (9376196) **7.30** Disaster (9334370) **8.00** Mysterious World (9385844) **8.30** Super Natural (9304979) **9.00** UFO (9600592) **10.00** Crocodile Hunters (9610979) **11.00** Extreme Machines (6775047) **12.00** Fightline (2720974) **12.30am** Justice Files (8075790) **1.00** Disaster (7218993) **1.30** Beyond 2000 (6013784) **2.00** Close

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm Endangered (4733115) **7.30** The Kangaroo Question (7396912) **8.00** Journey to the Forgotten River (7648370) **9.00** Icebound (7666134) **10.00** Footsteps to the Sky (7668221) **11.00** The Human Race (6041825) **12.00** Australia's Remarkable Animals (4931790) **1.00am** Close

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Vietnam — The Ten Thousand Day War (2809080) **5.00** Secret Service (1333170) **6.00** Ancient Mysteries (2073134) **7.00** Biography: Marilyn Monroe — Intimate Portrait (8658937) **8.00** Close

CHALLENGE TV

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5.00pm Cross Wits (8738) **5.30** Say the Word (9950) **6.00** Family Fortunes (6863) **6.30** Catchphrase (7115) **7.15** The $64,000 Question (685641) **8.00** Split Second (269399) **8.30** Move on Up (6757) **9.15** Winner Takes All (979592) **10.00** Treasure Hunt (49080) **11.15** Whittle (966028) **12.00** Say the Word (18622) **12.30am** Hart to Hart (74581) **1.30** The Big Valley (97546) **2.30** Big Brother Jake (19142) **3.00** My Two Dads (31245) **3.30** Where I Live (82662) **4.00** National Geographic Explorer (29719) **5.00** Shopping (42055)

UK LIVING

6.00am Lucky Ladders **6.35** Lingo **7.00** Tiny Living **9.00** I Dream of Jeannie **9.30** Gordon Elliott **10.10** Jerry Springer **11.00** The Young and the Restless **11.50** Brookside **12.20pm** Why Me? **12.50** Rolonda **1.40** Tempestt **2.30** Cheap Chic **3.00** Live at Three **4.05** Jerry Springer **5.00** Rolonda **5.50** Lucky Ladders **6.20** Ready, Steady, Cook **7.00** Hearts Afire **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles **8.00** Adrenalin Junkies **9.00** FILM: Street of Dreams **11.00** Sex Life Down Under **12.00** Close

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran **7.30** Film Deewane **8.00** Raahat **8.30** Ghoomta Aaina **9.00** Manabi **9.30** Nagar Pane Roop Nagar **10.00** Hip Hip Hurray **11.00** The Low Cal Show **11.30** Game Show **12.00** Daraar **12.30pm** Raahat **1.00** FILM: Dewar Bhabhi **4.00** ZEE Zone Presents **4.05** Public Demand **5.00** Zone Time **5.25** Dazzlers Planet **6.00** Aisa Bhi Hota Hai **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** Kamal Kombination **7.30** Banegi Apni Baat **8.00** News and Euronews **8.30** Dastaan **9.00** Pal Do Pal **10.00** Filmi Baatein **10.30** Antakshari **11.00** Purush Kshetra **12.00** Close

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Bid for 2003 world championships put on hold after BAF goes into administration

Financial crisis casts cloud over British athletics

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

IN A move which has "devastated" David Moorcroft, the governing body's chief executive, the British Athletic Federation (BAF) went into administration yesterday, leaving the future of the sport in Britain cloaked in uncertainty. Facing a deficit of £530,000 and monthly running costs of £130,000, the federation now has an anxious wait over its very existence.

While about 40 federation employees are under threat of redundancy, other areas of British athletics now shrouded in doubt are coaching and the development of emerging talent, the staging of international championships in Britain, and even the promotion of national championships. However, the so-called World Class Performance Plan, funded by the National Lottery, is not affected and the top 200 or so British athletes will continue to receive subsistence, training and medical support.

That said, those who appeared in Britain's televised meetings this year have yet to be paid and are among the creditors facing losses. Among the coaches under the axe are Bruce Longden, who guided Sally Gunnell and Daley Thompson to Olympic gold medals, and Carl Johnson, who steered Jonathan Edwards to a world title and world records.

Moorcroft, appointed in July but who took up his position only two weeks ago, called an emergency news conference at the BAF headquarters in Birmingham, where he admitted: "If I was in a position now to be deciding whether I wish to be chief executive of the BAF I clearly would not. I am devastated at what has happened."

Moorcroft added, however, that he did not think he had been misled and that he would continue in an attempt to resolve the difficulties inherited from Peter Radford, who resigned in January. "The federation has a £530,000 deficit which has to be paid immediately," Moorcroft added. "This is a dire situation for the federation but not for the athletes. For 99 per cent of people in athletics, business will carry on as normal."

The main cause of the BAF's financial position was, according to Moorcroft, a dramatic downturn in income from television and sponsorship.

Moorcroft: "devastated"

Television money fell from £1.5 million in 1996 to less than £1 million this year and sponsorship income by 45 per cent. Escalating legal costs have also played a significant part.

The BAF management board met on Friday and, after taking legal advice, was told that it was insolvent and that it should apply for an administration order. Moore Stephens Booth White, the Birmingham-based insolvency practitioner, was called in on Monday and the court appointed three partners. One of them, Ron Speight, said that he expected the process of determining the BAF's future to take "weeks rather than months".

Among the potential creditors is Diane Modahl, who is suing the federation for £500,000 over drugs allegations. "As it stands, the potential Modahl claim is a contingent liability," Speight said. "If it is proven, she would rank as a creditor in proportion to all the other creditors." He noted that several football clubs had fought their way out of administration.

Moorcroft added: "The way the sport is structured means that it will carry on. But the federation, and the associated activities of the federation, are under threat. The governing body may not exist in its current form."

However, the "ring-fencing" of National Lottery money, administered by the Sports Council, ensures that the participation of British athletes in international competition is protected. "The money from the Sports Council has gone into a separate company," Moorcroft said.

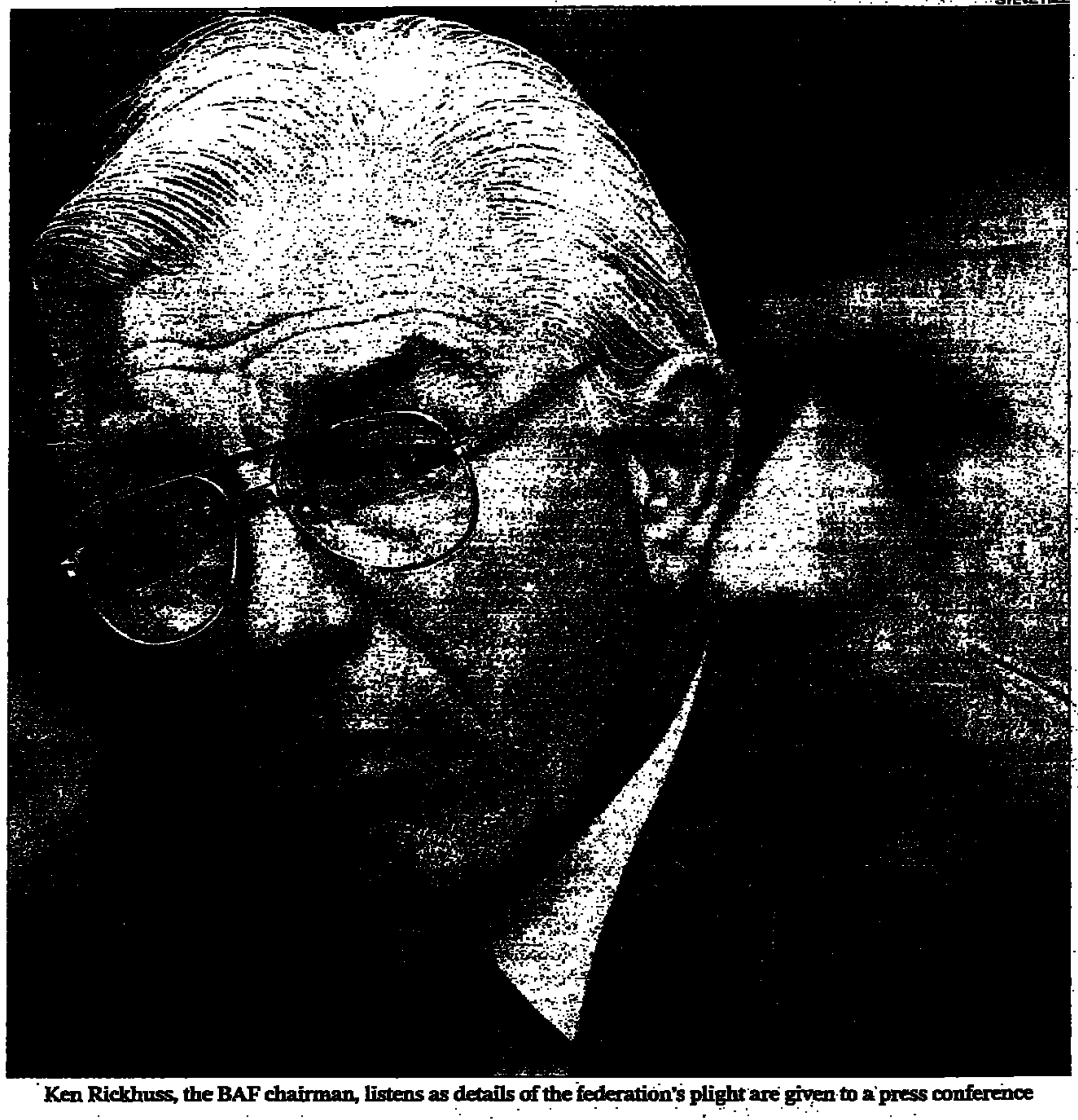
Ironically, one of the BAF's constituent bodies, the AAA of England, has reserves of more than £1 million. Although it has committed £90,000 in support to the BAF, so far that is as far as it has gone. After a fractious relationship with the BAF, only under Moorcroft has the position begun to improve.

Moorcroft said that BAF business would now be run by the administrators. He added that the bid to stage the 2003 world championships, which would be the first big global event at the new national stadium at Wembley, would go on hold.

The next world championships to be staged by the BAF are in cross country in 1999 and they are now in doubt. "The world cross country championships will, I think, continue, but I am not certain," Moorcroft added.

The federation's biggest asset is its headquarters, bought during the recession for £450,000. Moorcroft said that selling the building was "a consideration".

STEVE HILL



Ken Rickhuss, the BAF chairman, listens as details of the federation's plight are given to a press conference

COUNTDOWN TO BANKRUPTCY

March 1991: The British Athletic Federation (BAF), a body embracing every part of the sport and first conceived in 1968, is finally set up. Half of the £2.5 million reserves of the Amateur Athletic Association (AAA), the English governing body, are transferred to BAF.

Oct 1991: The new governing body begins operating.

Nov 1991: Malcolm Jones, former senior executive with Vauxhall Motors and Westland Helicopters, is appointed chief executive of the BAF.

Feb 1993: The BAF Council reprimands Professor Peter Radford, the vice-chairman, David Bedford, the secretary, and John Lister, the treasurer, who played a decisive role in saving the sport from near-bankruptcy seven years earlier. All are criticised for their part in a clandestine movement to oust Jones. He leaves employment of the BAF later that year.

Jan 1994: Suicide of Cliff Temple, athletics correspondent of *The Sunday Times*. BAF subsequently begins disciplinary proceedings against Andy Norman, its promotions director. Norman is accused of making threats and spreading false rumours against Temple (which he denied). In July 1993, Norman allegedly warned Temple that if he went ahead with an investigative article, rumours might be spread that Temple had sexually harassed athletes that he coached. Tony Ward, the BAF spokesman, says of Temple's suicide that it "had plunged British athletics into the abyss".

Feb 1994: Radford takes up post as BAF executive chairman. Cash crisis at BAF, with Lister wanting the coaching budget cut by £400,000.

Mar 1994: Bedford and Bob Greenoak, the vice-chairman, are voted out at a tempestuous AGM. Frank Dick, head of coaching, resigns in protest at the lack of funds.

Apr 1994: Norman is sacked as promotions director and is given an estimated £100,000 settlement.

Aug 1994: The Diane Modahl affair begins, bringing the sport a barrage of bad publicity in a year in which four other British athletes are found positive for doping. She comes back from the Commonwealth Games after allegedly failing a drug test.

Sep 1994: Steve Cram and David Moorcroft quit the BAF middle-distance working group, frustrated by lack of progress.

Dec 1994: Modahl is banned from athletics for four years after being being found guilty by a BAF disciplinary committee of taking an illicit substance.

July 1995: Modahl's appeal is upheld by a BAF three-man tribunal. Radford has a public row with Linford Christie and Colin Jackson over appearance money in British meetings.

Feb 1996: Modahl issues a writ against the BAF, claiming compensation of £500,000.

Mar 1996: Lister, who resigns as treasurer, warns the AGM of the BAF that the sport was "paying the price of complacency of self-interest".

Dec 1996: Ward leaves BAF, saying that he has been "dumped" and warning that British athletics "was on the way to tearing itself apart".

Jan 1997: Radford resigns as executive chairman.

Jul 1997: Moorcroft is named as the new chief executive of the BAF.

John Goodbody

McIntosh cleared of disrepute charge

By David Hands
Rugby correspondent

DALE MCINTOSH, the Pontypridd No 8, should be free to appear in the Heineken Cup play-off with Brive on November 1. McIntosh, who was suspended for 30 days after being sent off in the first meeting between the clubs last month, was cleared yesterday by European Rugby Cup Ltd (ERC) of bringing the game into disrepute and is free to resume playing this week.

McIntosh, capped twice by Wales, was sent off along with Lionel Mallier, the Brive flanker, after a prolonged fracas during the game on September 14. As he left the pitch he made repeated thumbs-up gestures to the crowd which were regarded as inflammatory and resulted in the disrepute charge.

He was also alleged, along with Phil John and Andre Barnard, to have been involved in a bar-room brawl later that same evening and it is the upshot of that which will decide whether he can play in Brive next month. An examining magistrate in France is still considering the incident and, until her findings are established, the three Pontypridd players require legal dispensation if they are to visit the Brive area.

"It is good to have my name cleared," McIntosh said after the hearing in Dublin. "I have a habit of giving a thumbs-up sign at just about anything. I didn't mean any disrespect but obviously I'll have to be careful in the future when I do it."

He has been cautioned by ERC about his future conduct but he is free to play against Llanelli in the Welsh League on Saturday, at a time when Pontypridd's other No 8s are doubtful through injury. The Welsh champions are likely to instruct their legal representative today to begin the legal process which would permit McIntosh, John and Barnard to go to Brive.

"We had a fax yesterday from the hotel in Brive where we stayed before, inviting us back," Cenydd Thomas, the chief executive, said. "Someone over there likes us. We hope that the view will be taken that our lads will come to play rugby and no more. It's not a question of visiting Brive in the general sense of the word."

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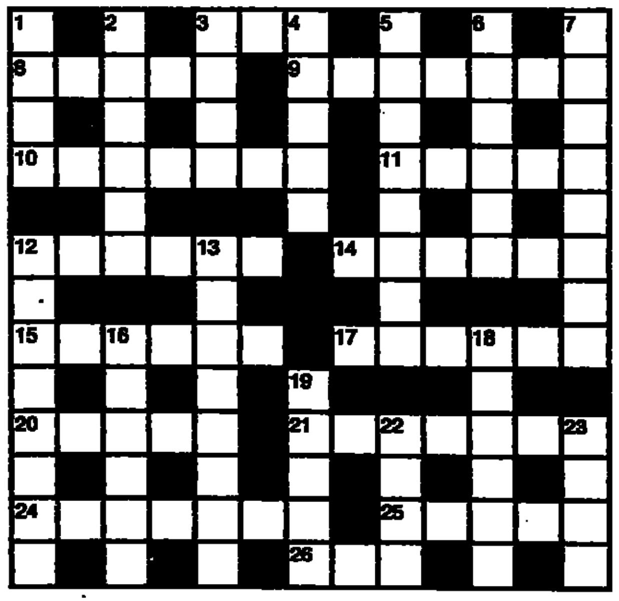

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3 Plant; ball in whistle (3)
8 Invalidate (5)
9 Childishly silly (7)
10 One making stitches (7)
11 Pass on (to); appeal (to) (5)
12 Impose sanction on (6)
14 Carve (marble) (6)
15 Formalise (set of principles) (6)
17 Hateful (6)
20 A slip; expire (5)
21 Severely plain liver (7)
24 Violent attack; sort of course (7)
25 Sheriff's band (5)
26 Consume (3)

DOWN
1 Level in hierarchy; offensive (4)
2 Flag officer (6)
3 Piece of land; storyline (4)
4 Separated (5)
5 In layers; (houses) linked (8)
6 French tower builder (6)
7 (Organic) debris (8)
12 Odd; special (8)
13 Make malleable; weaken (one's) resistance (6,2)
16 Remove from high office (6)
18 Stupid; sort of angle (6)
19 Class of (Hindu) society (5)
22 Egyptian Christian (4)
23 (US) female in mixed college (2-2)

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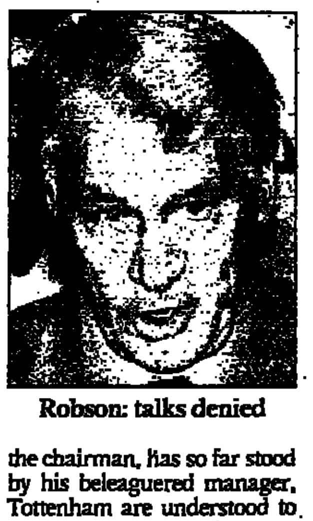
Pressure builds up for Francis

By Matt Dickinson

GERRY FRANCIS may not make it to White Hart Lane tonight, but that might not be such a bad thing. The Tottenham Hotspur manager has been laid low by a wrenched back, an injury sustained while playing with his children, and it could spare him another tense evening at the mercy of the club's increasingly fraught supporters.

Defeat against Derby County in the third round of the Coca-Cola Cup would guarantee renewed calls for his dismissal. While Alan Sugar, the chairman, has so far stood by his beleaguered manager, Tottenham are understood to be weighing up possible successors, with Bobby Robson, technical director at Barcelona, believed to be top of the list — although Tottenham last night denied that they had held talks with the former England manager.



Robson: talks denied

Robson, 65, is missing the involvement with players and is hankering for one last challenge before retirement.

Francis, who has less than 12 months remaining of his three-year contract, has admitted that Tottenham will have to win a trophy this season if he is to survive.

He has not been helped by a succession of serious injuries, the latest depriving him of the England striker, Les Ferdinand, who is expected to be out of action for three months after groin surgery.

Ray Wilkins, the Fulham manager, yesterday paid Arsenal £750,000 for the midfield player, Ian Selley, who played in the first team under George Graham but has been unable to break into the side since Arsène Wenger took over as manager.

☐ The former Rangers and Scotland captain, Richard Gough, re-signed for the Ibrox club from the US Major League side, Kansas City Wizz, yesterday and said he hoped to help Rangers extend their record-equalling run of nine Scottish championship successes.

"I don't think there will be the same pressure as last year, when we were trying to equal Celtic's nine. I believe we will play freer football this year," Gough, 35, who has signed a two-year contract, said.

Gough spent only four months in the US. "This is a pleasant move for me," he said. "A lot of people thought I would come back one day, but I don't think they believed it would be just four months down the line.

"I had no hesitation in returning. I actually thought Walter Smith [the manager] was kidding at first, but then he told me he was serious. It's a great opportunity for me and I intend to see the contract out."

Shearer prefers safe approach

By Our Sports Staff

WITH the World Cup finals now beckoning, Alan Shearer is not about to risk making a premature return to football from the injury that has kept him out all season. If he were to come back too quickly from the broken ankle and torn ligaments that he sustained in a pre-season match and which kept him on crutches until this week, then his chance of playing in France 98 would be all but ended.

Shearer was off crutches for the first time at Newcastle United's training ground yesterday and working out on an exercise bike. It was an encouraging sign, but not of an imminent comeback.

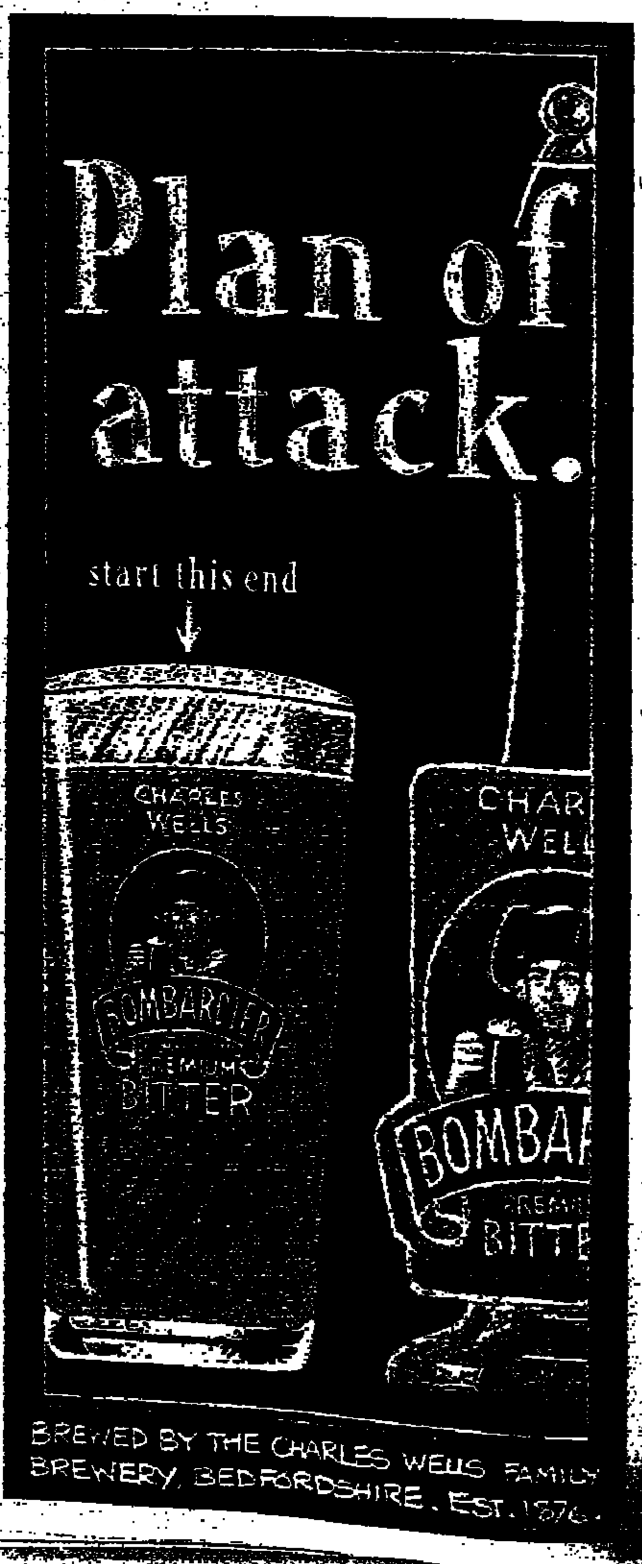
"There will be no miracles," Shearer said. "It will be after Christmas before I return. When, I don't know. It probably won't be January and probably won't be February either." March would seem, therefore, to be the earliest date for Shearer's comeback, which would give him just enough time to get back to his best before the finals get under way in June.

Whether England are to be among the seeded nations in the World Cup remains to be seen, with Sir Bert Millichip, the former Football Association chairman, among those making the decision. Sir Bert sits on the 28-man Fifa organising committee for the World Cup, which has the sole say on the running and rules of France 98.

That committee, which also includes David Will, of Scotland, will finalise the procedure for the event in the next seven weeks and could decide to give greater prominence to the much-derided world rankings list, which puts England at No 7. If that happens, England could head one of the eight groups, ensuring they avoid playing any of the real big guns in the opening round. Other seeds are likely to include Brazil, the holders, France, the hosts, Germany and Argentina.

If the rules that governed the seedings at the last World Cup, in the United States in 1994, are confirmed, then England, who failed to qualify, would almost certainly not be seeded, but changes may be afoot. Keith Cooper, the Fifa spokesman, said yesterday: "Previously, seeding has been based on performances in the three most recent World Cups. That has proved its worth and will be a big element, but since then the rankings have been introduced and quite possibly they will be an extra factor that the organising committee wants to take into account. One reason the rankings were not used for USA 94 was that they had only been introduced three months earlier."

Shearer: training



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